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Lose to Kuwait and we're out: ASF boss

OUR DAY OF RECKONING!

0-1 loss in Seoul

SEOUL — Kuwait crashed 0-1 to South Korea whose goal was scored in the 50th minute by Park Sang-In in a move involving Jim Jae Han.

It left goalkeeper Ahmed Khadr Al-Teraboulsi helpless.

Faisal Al-Dakheel had a chance to equalise but was foiled by Korean 'keeper Byun Ho-Young.

After playing a short-passing game, Kuwait switched to long lobs into the goal mouth, which worried the Koreans.

Standings:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Iran	2	1	0	3	0	5
Sth Korea	2	1	1	3	2	5
Australia	2	0	1	5	2	4
Kuwait	1	0	1	3	2	2
Hong Kong	0	0	4	1	9	0

ASF president Sir Arthur George.

The Socceroos will reach their "moment of decision" against Kuwait at the Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday, the president of the Australian Soccer Federation, Sir Arthur George, said last week.

Speaking at the Victorian Rothmans Medal dinner in Melbourne, he said: "If we are defeated by Kuwait we can say goodbye to our World Cup hopes.

"If we beat Kuwait we will still be well in the running, as we are at the moment.

"My information is that Kuwait is a very significant team, capable of beating Australia.

"The Australian team has not performed as well this year as we had hoped.

"Some of the older players are failing a little and there are not enough young players like John Kosmina coming forward.

"However, it's not that we have failed badly, but that others have done better.

"Australia is the only semi-professional team left in the World Cup in the Asian region.

"Kuwait, for example, offered $150,000 to each of the other nations to play the qualifying tournament in Kuwait.

"Iran's players were offered $4 million by the Shah to eliminate Australia specifically.

"South Korea's team is fully professional.

"Hong Kong is also professional.

"Meanwhile, **Peter Wilson** goes down a coal mine five days a week, then goes and plays for Australia."

Australia is one point behind Asian group leaders Iran and South Korea in the qualifying series.

Kuwait started its campaign under former Brazilian national coach **Mario Zagallo** with a 3-1 victory over Hong Kong but lost 1-0 to South Korea last Sunday.

In warm-up games Kuwait drew 0-0 with Wales in Wales but had lost 1-7 to English club West Ham United whose goals were scored by **Taylor** 4, **Brooking** 2 and **Devonshire.**

A measure of Kuwait's wealth is that the team travels in its private jet, that Zagallo earns about $200,000 a year and that each of the national squad players earns about $50,000.

The money didn't help against South Korea, so Jim Shoulder is hoping it won't make any difference on Sunday either.

But to win, Australia must atone for its mistakes in past matches, including the disastrous 4-4 draw with Queensland last Sunday.

● See preview page 11

Roos draw in Queensland

They're the best in Australia

Rale Rasic (left), Jimmy Rooney (centre) and John Kosmina congratulate each other after winning the major awards of the Australian Soccer Press Association at the Melbourne Hilton last week. Rasic was named coach of the year, Rooney player of the year and Kosmina best under 21 player. The presentation dinner, one of the highlights of the 1977 season, was attended by 120 of Australia's leading soccer personalities. More on pages 4-7.

Micic, Baker may retire

Victorian Rothmans Medallist David Baker and Footscray JUST captain Frank Micic may have played their last season of soccer.

Baker, accepting his second Rothmans Medal at the Southern Cross Hotel last Friday, said he may stop playing because of greater family commitments now that his wife Margaret is expecting their third child next May.

Footscray JUST president **Tony Kovac** broke the news of Micic's possible retirement.

Kovac was chosen to present Micic with a special award for service to soccer, on behalf of the Australian Soccer Press Association, at the Melbourne Hilton last Thursday night.

He said: "Frank is still playing good soccer after 675 games in 17 years with JUST, after 11 games with Australia and 58 for Victoria.

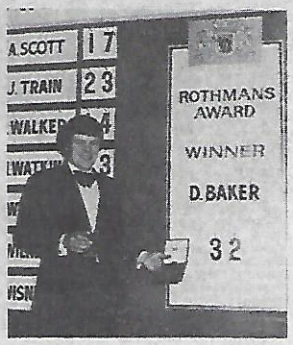
"However, he told me a few days ago he is thinking about retiring."

Baker, of Hakoah-St Kilda, can't match the long service given to soccer by Micic, the VFS's No. 1 passport holder, but he's had quite a memorable run in the State League.

Almost 10 years ago, he was playing left back for Hakoah while Argus Medallist **John O'Neill** and **John Stenhouse** were the centre backs.

He won his first Rothmans medal in 1975 with 43 votes which is still a record.

His victory last Friday was much narrower. He beat George Cross player-coach **Billy Wilkinson** 32 votes to 29 with the last vote counted.



● **Hakoah's David Baker, with the 1977 Rothmans Medal — his second.**

As well as receiving the Rothmans gold medal, he was given the added bonus of winning a $6700 Cortina sedan from Melford Motors.

Baker picked up six 3 votes, six 2 votes and two 1 votes with his efficient, effective and fair defensive play.

"It was one of the closest counts yet and I'm very thankful I won it. My commiserations to Billy Wilkinson because as runner-up you unfortunately get nothing," Baker said.

Asked how old he was, Baker said' "No comment." He's probably about 31.

That's six years younger than Frank Micic, still the king of Victorian soccer.

Tony Kovac said that even if Micic did retire, he would stay with JUST in some capacity.

The award made to Micic was one of two presented by the ASPA for special service to soccer.

The other went to former national team captain **Johnny Warren**, coach of Canberra City.

Kovac said to Micic: "I think you've got about 23 trophies and medals at home. This will make it 24, and it's one of the best.

"When you retire, your son will be the next Micic to represent Victoria and Australia and to play for JUST.

Micic said: "I m not as good a speaker as John Warren, but I thank the Press and all the people who helped me throughout my career. I'm a better player than speaker, I think."

● See Rothmans Medal details and pictures pages 8-10

● **JUST captain Frank Micic, with his club president Tony Kovac, holds the trophy presented to him for service to**

LIONS HUNT TWO CUPS

Essendon Lions will play in two Cup finals on Sunday.

Having already won the Victorian Ampol Cup pre-season, Lions could finish the year with three major trophies to compensate for their failure in the league.

Lions reserves will meet Hakoah in the Harry Armstrong Cup final at Olympic Park at 1 pm on Sunday.

It is the curtain-raiser to the Dockerty Cup final in which Lions will clash with Juventus, which eliminated mighty George Cross in last weekend's semi-finals (see page 13).

'GRAND FINAL 1977.'

CROATIA - AUBURN 2:0(0:0)

NEIZVESNOST DO 75. MINUTE...

IGRALISTE SPORTS GROUND
GLEDALACA 6649
VREME SUNCANO I VETROVITO
SUDIJA TONY BOSKOVIC (Vrlo dobar)
ZUTI KARTONI:Bertram(33),Hadley(70)

CROATIA: Smith 8, Russell 7, Hadley 7, Basic 7, G.Smith 8, Stone 8, Darvill 7, Davies 9, Abonji 8, Fenoughty 7, Sullivan 9.

AUBURN: Hoszowski 8, Cornett 6, Gibson 8, Dobson 7, Bertram 7, Mcmillan 7, Jones 6, Juchniewicz 7, Reid 7, Leak 8, Tracy 8.

Strelci: Abonji(75'), Davies(83')

Susret izmedju Croatie i Auburna je doneo pravi "Kup fudbal" u kome se sve do kobnog 75-og minuta nije znalo ko ce odneti pobedu. Onda je na scenu stupio Ati Abonji i kao magicnim stapom okrenuo igru u korist svog tima.

PROPUSTENE SANSE

Kako, Auburn, tako i Croacia, su se takmicili u propustanju zrelih sansi za gol. zspomenimo one najzrelije...

zvec u sedmom minutu igre napadac Auburna Leak je imao sansu, kada je nepokriven, skocio visoko i zahvatio loptu glavom, ali je na srecu Croatie, lopta preletela preko precke.

Par minuta kasnije Basic je izbacio dugacku loptu u polje Auburna i Abonji je bio brzi od odbrane protivnika. Kada je izgledalo da ce Abonji uspeti da dovede svoj tim u vocstvo Gibson je podmetnuo nogu i krajnjim naporom izbio loptu u korner.

U 12-om minutu Andy Tracy je uputio izvanredan udarac glavom ka golu D.Smitha, ali je golman Croatie bravurom spasio svoj gol. Par minuta kasnije Leak se nalazi na 7 metara od gola ali okleva i G.Smith izbija loptu u korner.

U 26-om minutu red je bio na Sulivana da se obruka. Sam na svega 6 metara od gola Hoszowskog sutirao je mla-
mlako i bezopasno. Isti igrac je u 33-em minutu iz povoljne situacije tukao visoko preko gola.

NAJZRELIJE SANSE

U 48 minutu Steve Leak je posle solo prodora sa desne strane izasao ispred golmana Croatie i pucao pravo u njega, da bi zatim prihvatio odbijenu loptu i bez potrebe je poslao visoko preko gola.

Minut kasnije, danas veoma raspolozeni Sullivan se probija kroz odbranu protivnika i sa 7 metara tuce nisko u donji desni golmanov ugao. Hoszowski se pracnuo i spasao siguran gol. 6 minuta kasnije opet je Sullivan u napadu, prelazi par igraca po levoj strani, a zatim idealno centrira na glavu nepokrivenog Stona koji sa 3 metra od linije salje loptu preko gola.

ABONJI RESAVA UTAKMICU

Iz jednog na oko bezopasnog napada lopta je dosla u posed Abonjija na oko 25 metara od gola. Okrenut ledjima golu protivnika, najbolji strelac Croatie je iz okreta sutirao prema golu. Lopta je u luku preletela ispruzene prste Hoszowskog i odsela u gornjem desnom uglu. Bilo je to zasluzeno vocstvo i otvoren put ka pobedi.

U istom minutu Sullivan se odlicno probio kroz odbranu protivnika i kada je gol izgledao neminovan, napadac Croatie je tukao za koji santimetar pored stative.

Pored Sullivana, danas najzapazeniji igrac u timu Croatie, Davies je postigao i drugi gol i time obezbedio zasluzenu pobedu svom timu.

Igra pobednickog tima je bila na visini koja odgovara najboljem klubu Rothmans lige, dok Auburn nije zaostajao ni u jednom odelenju fudbalske igre sve do kobnog 75-og minuta.

A. VESIC

Croatia wins grand final!

By ALEX VESIC

CROATIA 2 AUBURN 0.

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AUBURN: Hoszowski 8, Cornett 6, Gibson 8, Dobson 7, Bertram 7, McMillan 7, Jones 6, Juchniewicz 7, Reid 7, Leak 8, Tracy 8.

REFEREE: Tony Boskovic 7.

YELLOW CARDS: Bertram (33') and Hadley (70').

SCORERS: Abonyi (75'), Davies (83').
ATTENDANCE: 6649.

It took the favorites, Croatia, a full 75 minutes to find the net of their opponent, and then to completely crush the spirit of Auburn with a dazzling display of attacking soccer in the last 15 minutes of the game.

But it wasn't all Croatia's way for at least the first hour of play, when the game could have swung either way, had one of the opportunities been taken.

Steve Leak was the most dangerous in the Auburn line-up, and also the worst offender of missed chances.

His header in the seventh minute, sailed over the bar. In the 14th minute the same player had only the goalkeeper to beat, but hesitated long enough to allow **G. Smith** to push the ball over the line for a corner.

Auburn fired early in the second half only to see another golden opportunity wasted. **Leak** took the ball down the right flank, and after beating two defenders and facing only the bewildered goalkeeper, fired straight at him.

The ball bounced back to the oncoming Leak, but his second shot finished high over the bar.

While Leak was the worst offender of missed chances in the losing side, **Maurice Sullivan** did the same for the winners.

It was easier to miss than score in the 26th, 33rd, and 49th minute, while the score line read 0:0, and in the 17th minute, seconds after **Abonyi** had put Croatia ahead.

Some good goalkeeping by **Hoszowski** and bad shooting by Sullivan, and out of four chances, no goal was registered.

Despite playing attractive football that created enough chances to win the game, Croatia once again had to rely on the individual brilliance of **Atti Abonyi** to win the game.

Taking the ball some 25 metres away from Hoszowski, Abonyi fired a first time shot, the ball eluding the outstretched arms of Hoszowski on its way into the roof of the net.

From that point Croatia took complete command of the game, and could have rattled in a few more goals. **Davies** made it 2:0 in the dying minutes to give Croatia its well deserved win.

Second Grade GRAND FINAL: Sutherland 3 Manly 0.

SUTHERLAND: P. Craggs, M. Hesford, M. Pasker, S. Cadell, M. Harrington, R. McIntosh, L. Bersegi, D. Morgan, S. Symes, C. Hall, R. Martin. Subs: B. Olsen, S. Williams, T. Murphy, P. Smith, P. Toby.

MANLY: C. Cassettari, R. Mouttet, B. Hutchison, G. Harpur, E. Morris, W. Graham, B. Geoghegan, S. Beverley, B. Kay, R. Delaney, P. Rudgley. Subs: G. Thomson, G. Schwass, E. Gosling, D. Rosa.

Third Grade GRAND FINAL: Manly 2 Sutherland 2.

MANLY: D. Rosa, G. Coleman, T. van der Saag, E. Gosling, R. Coupe, C. Gaffney, C. Barker, S. Kelly, R. Carrothers, S. Jaye, C. Rogers. Subs: P. Bryce, S. Pearson, D. Fox, A. Plesse.

SUTHERLAND: P. Toby, R. Schumann, D. Schipp, K. Hudson, S. Williams, C. Rogers, G. Williams, G. Watkins, T. Murphy, P. Bush, B. Heather. Subs: B. Olsen, P. McMahon, P. Raack, G. Kelly.

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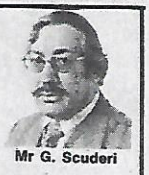

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ONTONG, 6 OTHERS UP FOR TRANSFER

Seven players, including two stars, Paul Ontong and Dave Rigby, have been transfer listed by Mooroolbark, indicating things aren't as good as the club's publicity men are making out.

What's more, coach Brian Edgley is believed to be considering an offer to join Victorian State League club Frankston City.

The transfer-listing of Paul Ontong came as the greatest shock.

Rigby's departure was on the cards because he had tried to get away earlier in the season.

Ontong, 21, conceded that he had had some arguments with the club over money.

Asked how he felt about being transfer-listed, he said: "It doesn't bother me at all."

His brother, **Geoff,** has asked for a transfer as well.

The other players on the list are defender **Peter Vaughan,** striker **Peter Lowry,** midfielder **Brian Thom,** striker **Walter Bojczuk** and centre back or striker **Dave Ellis.**

It is believed George Cross has offered Mooroolbark $2000 for Ellis.

Paul Ontong, a fast, tricky, goalscoring winger, played for the Victorian under 18 teams and was in the State under 23 squad.

He was runner-up in the 1975 Rothmans Medal and GTV9-The Age Player of the Year award.

In his native South Africa he represented Nepal at under 14 level while his brother **Geoff** played at under 18 level.

Geoff, 24, is three years older than Paul.

Both played for Mitcham in the Victorian District League before joining Mooroolbark in 1974.

In their only season at Mitcham, Paul scored 28 goals and Geoff 18. Geoff has recently played sweeper or left back.

Paul can be contacted on 818 0381 (work) or 231 1247 (home).

Rigby who used to play for Safeway United in Wollongong and South Liverpool in England, had a brilliant 1976 season and is a former State player.

Bojczuk, 23, played for Dundee United reserves in Scotland and for the Forfar Athletic first team.

He joined Lion Adelaide as a forward and scored seven goals in the 1976 season.

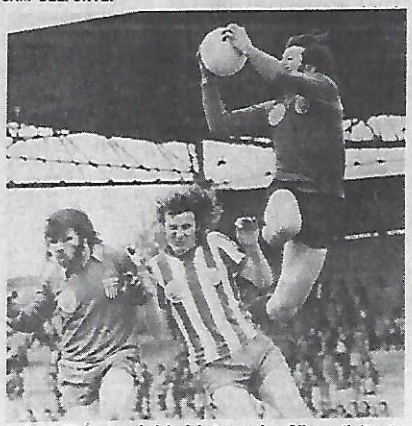
Mooroolbark bought him for $3000 but played him mainly in defence.

Bojczuk can be contacted from 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. on 544-0211.

He is willing to join a club interstate.

Brilliant Mooroolbark winger Paul Ontong (right) is foiled by Billy Rogers of South Melbourne Hellas. Picture: SAM BELFONTE.

Walter Bojczuk



Dave Rigby, sandwiched between Ian Gibson (left) of Hellas and Mooroolbark goalkeeper Lou Ivanoff.

Nunn wins award

Larry Nunn, the captain of White Eagles has been named the Saturday Evening Mercury 'Jack Cade' Tasmanian player of the Year.

He is the first Hobart born player to win the award, and at 24 he is also the youngest to win the award which has been presented for the past 20 years.

This was the first year that Nunn had captained White Eagles and he was fortunate enough to lead them to the

He is hoping to lead White Eagles in the new Radio Rentals State League next season.

The first round of the Tasmanian D.J. Motors cup was played last weekend in Hobart.

Last year's winners, White Eagles, made a good start by defeating Juventus 4-1.

Other results were: Rapid v Dnpiro 2-1; Olympia v Caledonians 3-1; South

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'Roos draw after trailing 3-4!

By BRUCE WADDELL

Perry Park in Brisbane was treated to a bizarre "curtain-raiser" to the Philips Cup final when Queensland and the Socceroos drew 4-4 in an incredible match on the Saturday night.

The State side was comprised chiefly of Philips League players, although they lost four Brisbane City men because of the Cup final the next day.

Grange-Thistle's **Jim Hermiston** was the exception as he decided to play in both matches, thereby completing his 54th match of the season.

The other "unknowns" in the Queensland side as far as the national scene is concerned, were striker **Barry Kelso** from First Division side Redlands, Thistle midfielder **John Patterson**, Kelso's team mate **Ron Millman** and Second Division Sunnyside United's Yugoslav import **Bozo Runje.**

John Wilkinson, who played alongside Hermiston, belongs also to Sunnyside but has guested twice for Lions in **Col Bennett's** absence, and another local striker was the former Kiwi World Cup star **Alan Marley.**

The Socceroos took the field without **Jim Rooney, John Kosmina** and **Allan Maher** and with **Gary Marocchi** playing in the midfield, **Murray Barnes** completed the first half as a devastating centre forward.

A very square Queensland defence, missing a stopper because of the late withdrawal of **Tokesi,** when **Adrian Alston** was left unmarked after 15 minutes to sidefoot home Marocchi's pass.' Five minutes later, local referee **David Nugent** awarded a penalty for **Col Bennett's** foul on **Marley,** but **Patterson** continued the recent Brisbane "penalty disease" when he telegraphed his intentions and **Jack Reilly** saved well.

In the 33rd minute, the Socceroos led 2-0 with a Dave Harding penalty after **Patterson** dragged down **Peter Stone.**

They looked headed for a cricket score when Barnes added No. 3 with a splendid header, following Alston's perfect cross.

Assistant national coach, **Ron Smith,** standing in for Jim Shoulder, saw fit to replace **Bennett** at half time to give **George Harris** a run — on reflection an understandable move with the Socceroos in complete command.

Harris went into the middle and Harding dropped back alongside **Wilson,** but after only four minutes of the second half, the revitalised Queensland side began an avalanche of four goals in 20 minutes to hit the front and set the crowd of about 3000 alight.

Young Kelso, who had been given a testing initiation by Wilson, got the first when he managed to bundle a corner from Geoff Morris just inside the post.

In the 60th minute, Patterson's cross found **Eddie Espearritt,** who was unmarked by a non-existent defence, and the Lions midfielder took his time before beating Reilly.

Only three minutes later, the equaliser came when **Patterson** and **Morris** created havoc on the left wing, and the tenacious **Marley** sneaked through to push home No. 3, upon which Reilly was replaced by **Terry Eaton.**

Eaton had been on the field only two minutes when the State side took the lead with an incredible goal from Morris.

Picking up a pass near the half line, he charged down the middle, ignored the unmarked Kelso on his right and Marley on his left, and reached the edge of the box, where he unleashed a blistering left foot shot into the back of the net.

After another four minutes, the Socceroos contributed further to this fantastic spectacle when the Queensland defence took too long marshalling for Alston's free kick, and **John Nyskohus** stabbed home a short pass.

There could have been at least four more goals scored by both sides in the final 20 minutes.

Queensland was left to ponder on its missed penalty, while one Socceroo said as he came off the ground: "You would call that an unqualified failure."

After the match, Marley said: "That took me back four years when we drew 1-1 with **Rale Rasic's** Australian side at the Lions Stadium."

Marley also claimed the Socceroos probably would beat Kuwait in Sydney but would find it hard winning their away matches.

● QUEENSLAND 4 (Kelso, Spearritt, Marley, Morris) AUSTRALIA 4 (Alston, Harding pen., Barnes, Nyskohus).

QUEENSLAND — Dando (Lions) 7, Potter (Lions) 8, Hermiston (Thistle) 8, Wilkinson (Sunnyside) 7, Niven (Lions) 7, Fagan (Lions) 6, Spearritt (Lions) 8, (Rep. by Runje, Sunnyside), Patterson (Thistle) 7, Kelso (Redlands) 7, (Rep. by Millman, Redlands), Marley (St. George) 8, Morris (Lions) 8.

AUSTRALIA — Reilly 7 (Eaton), Curran 7, Wilson 7, Bennett 7 (Harris), Williams 8, Stone 7, Marocchi 6, Harding 8, Barnes 8, Alston 7, Nyskohuus 7.

More a brawl than a game

RALE RASIC

The Philips Cup final at Perry Park on Sunday was more like a jungle war than a soccer game.

In the worst scenes, at least 15 players were involved in a no-holds-barred punch-up.

There would be a major enquiry even if such scenes occurred inside the arena of a Spanish bull ring.

Yet, at Perry Park, referee **Stewart Mellings** virtually stood back and let it all happen.

I don't want this to sound like sour grapes because Marconi lost, but it was the most dreadful refereeing performance I have seen in my 25 years in soccer.

If Mellings is a FIFA referee, there must be something wrong with FIFA.

Players of both sides were to blame for the rough stuff, but you can't condemn them because professional players are there to get away with as much as possible.

If they are restrained by the referee, they behave themselves. It was up to Mellings to restrain them.

Yet, his strongest action — the sending off of **John Russell** — was misguided. Russell, the No. 1 gentleman in soccer — was completely innocent!

The guilty ones were allowed to go on as they liked.

McLeod fisted **Campbell, Tokesi** fisted **Mariani** who was bleeding profusely afterwards, **Caldwell** hit **Jones,** and **Richards, Campbell** and **Sharne** all hit opponents as well.

Byrne was pulled by the shirt by **Hermiston** — a professional foul which should earn a yellow card, yet no action was taken against Hermiston.

Coyne hit the ball out of **Mahar's** hands and again no caution.

There must have been a foul a minute. It was more like a Rugby Union match than a soccer game.

It's lucky for Mellings that the crowd was not more volatile. There could easily have been trouble which would have been of acute embarrassment to the league.

Unprofessional even now

In 1974, when I was national coach, I took the Socceroos to the Sydney Athletic Field for a training run, so they could be filmed by a visiting German TV crew.

The groundsman there abused us in the most vile language for daring to tread on his hallowed turf.

A groundsman in any other country would have lost his job, had he spoken like that to the national coach.

It was an example of the utter amateurism we were up against — the same amateurism that surfaced once more during Marconi's Philips Cup game against Canberra City.

In a supposedly professional, go-ahead league, we had to play this match without linesmen!

Officials of the clubs concerned had to run the lines, as is done in Fourth Division matches.

What's more, at least 3000 spectators were lost because the game was played at the Sports Ground.

The Marconi supporters simply stayed home because it was too far for them to travel.

Thank you, Manny

I've had countless letters and phone calls expressing sympathy for Marconi's narrow loss of the Philips League championship.

I thank you all, but I wish to make special mention of **Manny Poulakakis,** whose letter illustrated just what a fine man and thorough gentleman he is.

Manny was my coach when I played for Victoria. He has greater experience than I and he has given me sound advice over the years.

To receive the good wishes of a man like Manny Poulakakis makes me feel proud and renews my faith in soccer as a great sport.

Brisbane City fights back to take Cup

By BRUCE WADDELL

Brisbane City, one of the rank outsiders in the field of 14, brought the inaugural Philips Cup to Queensland by edging out Marconi in a tough, bruising final at Perry Park.

With the two leg-weary sides locked together 1-1 at the end of extra time, City won another tense penalty play-off 5-3.

After four cliff-hanger results — a 3-2 win over Lions, a penalties win against Western Suburbs, 3-0 over West Adelaide after extra time, and a penalties victory over Marconi, City has put Brisbane on the national soccer map.

Marconi, the bridesmaids of the first league season, looked to be coasting to a consolation win in the Cup when they secured the vital breakthrough in the 40th minute.

Ray Richards took a typical long throw-in, **Bertie Mariani** outjumped **Osvaldo Borzi** on the backline and the ball squeezed to an unmarked **Peter Sharne.**

The left winger boomed his header home as **Jim Hermiston** vainly attempted to head the ball from the roof of the net.

Some solid tackling at the back and venturesome tactics in midfield had City in plenty of bother during most of the first half.

During this period, Borzi played a major role for City by coming out to block shots from Sharne and **Paul Degney** and diving well to snap up a deflected Richards shot.

Melbourne referee Stewart Mellings did a great job trying to keep cautions and stoppages to a minimum despite a rash of illegal tackling and plenty of brief scuffles.

But he had to take a firmer hand when there was an ugly scene only 13 minutes after halftime.

Kevin Caldwell lost his cool when **Barry Jones** handled and tried to retain possession of the ball, launching into the full-back in a manner which in most circumstances would have earned him a red card.

Richards went beserk and in trying to get at both Caldwell and Roberto Ecoverria caused close to an all-in brawl, which Mellings and a few more sensible players successfully quelled.

Shortly after, Caldwell was given the first yellow card of the match when he again fouled Jones, and he was soon followed in the book by **Johnston** and **Ernie Campbell.**

Just after all this action, City drew level in the 60th minute, when defender **Peter Tokesi** gave **Allan Maher** no chance with a cracking shot from the edge of the box following a clever pass from Echeverria.

Tragedy struck for Marconi in the 77th minute. Centre half John Russell was reported by the linesman for a foul on Johnston in backplay and was immediately sent off.

As if that wasn't a big enough setback, Marconi lost skipper **Jimmy Rooney** with a leg injury, and Richards was forced to drop into the backline to support **Ivo Prskalo.**

Extra time had barely begun when Tokesi also received a yellow card but it appeared to result from some great "acting" by Mariani, as Mellings subsequently gave the free kick to City.

Brian Kibbey replaced Echeverria in the midfield in extra time and almost snatched the match with two shots which whizzed inches wide.

But Sharne almost did the same for Marconi when he just failed to turn home a good pass from **Byrne.**

Naturally, in a match of this nature, there are far too many missed chances to mention.

It's better to single out individuals like **Hermiston** and **Tokesi,** who like many players had their anxious moments, but who produced some great stuff under extreme pressure.

Left fullback **Tommy McLeod** produced yet another outstanding match. He played a tremendous role in helping City towards their triumph.

Frank Pimblett was City's most effective midfielder but that facet of City's play has too often gone off the boil, this season and last Sunday was no exception.

Willie Conner remains one of the best jinking-type wingers in the country. He does a lot of work helping out at the back and Johnston and Caldwell, despite their critics, never know when to stop running.

For Marconi, **Sharne** and **Mariani** were always dangerous in quick breaks and so too was **Ernie Campbell,** although a few missed chances in the first half eventually proved costly.

Stewart Selvage did some solid work in the middle when he replaced **Rooney** and the attacking effectiveness of **Jones** and **Paul Degney** fell away naturally when Marconi lost **Russell.**

Then there was the former Queenslander **Ray Richards,** the man cheered a few years ago by most of Sunday's crowd but this time obviously revelling in the huge amount of "stick" he assumed with the captaincy.

Richards, like all the others, made his mistakes, but there were also many times when his determination at the back kept Marconi in the picture.

Finally, for the record, these are the details of the penalty playoff, now becoming a fashionable occurrence in Brisbane.

McLeod scored first for City, but then **Byrne** put Marconi out of the picture when he shot wide. The ensuing players were all successful — **Hermiston** (who breathed a sign of relief after missing two against Wests), **Richards, Johnston, Selvage, John Coyne** and **Richie Williams.**

With City leading 4-3, it remained only for skipper **Ian Rathmell** to do the job, avoiding the need for Marconi's final attempt.

Rathmell's heart must have been in his mouth as he calmly stroked it towards the right hand corner, and **Maher** stood dejected as it cannoned in off the upright.

● See page 14 for report on Marconi v Alexander semi-final.

Philips Cup Final: BRISBANE CITY 1 (Tokesi) MARCONI 1 (Sharne). Brisbane won on penalties. Crowd at Perry Park: 7000.

CITY — Borzi 7, Rathmell 6, Hermiston 8, Tokesi 9, McLeod 8, Pimblett 8, Echeverria 7, (Kibbey 105th min), Gaffney 6, Caldwell 7 (Coyne 95th min), Johnston 6, Conner 7.

MARCONI — Maher 6, Jones 7, Degney 8, Prskalo 7, Russell (sent off 77th minute), Richards 7, Byrne 7, Rooney 7, (Selvage 65th min 7), Mariani 7, Campbell 6, Sharne 7.

Semi final: BRISBANE CITY 3 (Johnston, Pimblett, Kibbey) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 after extra time at Perry Park.

CITY — Borzi 8, Rathmell 7, McLeod 9, Tokesi 8, Hermiston 8, Echeverria 7 (Kibbey), Pimblett 8, Gaffney 7, Caldwell 6, Johnston 7 (Coyne), Conner 7.

WEST ADELAIDE — Crook 8, Reynolds 6, Vagianos 6, Jones 7, Pillans 7, McGachey 7, Amos 6, Boyle 8, Pantelis 6, Kosmina 8, McGregor 7.

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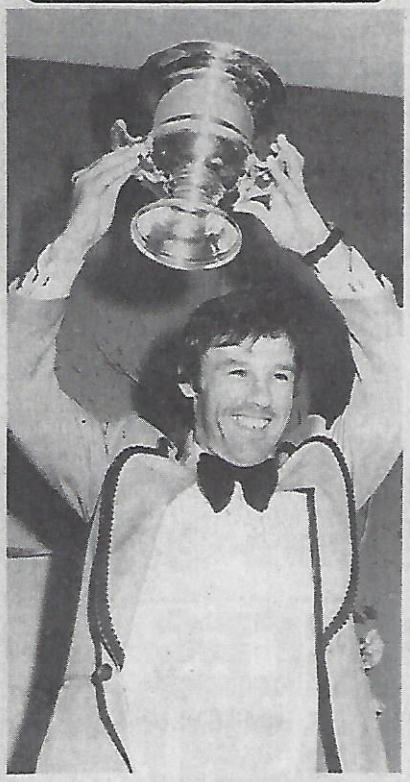

Marconi captain Jimmy Rooney for the trophy he won as the first Australian player of the year.

Jimmy Rooney responded with characteristic modesty to winning the first Australian Player of the Year award.

"It just shows that if you play enough games — league, Cup and internationals — you've got to play a gew good ones," he said as he accepted the handsome trophy provided by the Australian Soccer Press Association.

It was his second best player award for the 1977 season.

A week earlier he had won the Yugoslav Airlines — "Soccer Action" award — a return trip for two to Europe.

Rooney, 31, won the ASPA award with 201 votes cast by 40 soccer writers from Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Canberra and Brisbane.

He had a winning margin of 93 votes over runner-up John Kosmina (West Adelaide Hellas) who polled 108 votes.

Third place went to Fitzroy-Alexander's brilliant striker **Branko Buljevic,** with 83 votes.

Next came **Jim Hermiston** (Brisbane City) 74 votes, **Harry Williams** (St. George) 66 votes and **Dixie Deans** (Adelaide Juventus) and **Murray Barnes** (Hakoah), each with 65 votes.

It was fitting that Rooney came to Melbourne for this historic award, as it was in Melbourne that he picked up his first best player prize — the 1968 Argus Medal as the State League's best player, while he was with Lions.

His subsequent clubs have been **Prague, APIA** and now **Marconi,** which bought him early this year.

Rooney represented Victoria eight times in 1968 and 1969 before moving to Sydney.

Rale Rasic, then national coach, included Rooney in the national team for the first time in 1971, for two matches against an English FA eleven.

In both games he played in midfield alongside **Ray Richards** and **Ray Baartz** but Australia lost 0-1.

Then came the three-match series against **Israel,** a game against **Dundee** and two against **Wolverhampton Wanderers** but one of the biggest thrills of Rooney's career didn't come until the match against **Pele's** team **Santos** in 1972.

Although Pele was being held down by Ray Richards, Santos still managed to go to the lead with a goal by **Orland Pereira** in the 32nd. minute.

But three minutes later Rooney stormed forward from midfield to pick up a clearance and smash it into the net to put the Socceroos back on level terms.

That goal saved the match for Australia. Although **Edu** put Santos back into the lead in the second half, the **Socceroos** were playing with lots of confidence.

Bobby Hogg came down the left, gave the ball to **Billy Rogers** and Rogers crossed it to **Adrian Alston.**

Alston waited a moment and, responding to a good call, flicked the ball backwards to **Ray Baartz** who smashed the equaliser high into the net.

The match ended at 2-2, a great result for Australia.

Of course Rooney was a key man in Australia's 1973 World Cup qualifying matches and in the 1974 finals themselves.

In all, he has played 41 international matches for Australia.

At Marconi he has combined with **Ray Richards** and **Gary Byrne** to form the strongest midfield combination in the league, and is the man behind the 'Marconi' free kicks?

LAURIE SCHWAB

Jimmy Rooney receives his trophy from Mr. Laurie White of Philips Industries. All pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

Top trophies

Trophies for the ASPA awards were purchased from J & M Trophies, 5th floor, 306 Little Collins Street, Melbourne.

For information about their range ring **W. Morrison** (63-6921) or **G. Johnson** (63-6620).

The ASPA recommends J & M Trophies to any soccer club planning its presentation night.

Cramer knew it all along

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Success has come so swiftly to World Cup star John Kosmina that he finds himself looking back, wondering whether he's missed something.

Only a year ago Kosmina's biggest concern was not where his next goal was going to come from but whether he would make the Australian team for last October's world tour.

Now at 21, Kosmina finds himself as Australia's highest ever scorer in World Cup matches and as the man who represents our last chance of qualifying for the World Cup finals.

It has been said that Australia does not have one **INTERNATIONAL** in the current World Cup squad.

Kosmina should be made the exception because there is no doubt that he is in international class and could succeed in Europe.

With the season almost over, Kosmina can look back at 1977 as his most successful year yet.

Since January he has scored 27 goals at various levels of the game.

And with five World Cup matches left to complete the year, Kosmina will top 30 goals.

In the South Australian Ampol Cup night series Kosmina, then with Polonia, scored four goals including one in the final which Polonia won.

The day after, on April 2, Kosmina joined West Adelaide Hellas in Canberra and scored one goal before coming off.

Since then his victims have been Olympic (2 goals), St. George (2), Footscray JUST (1), South Melbourne Hellas (1), Brisbane Lions (1), Brisbane City (1), Footscray JUST (1), Olympic (1), Adelaide Juventus (1).

On top of those 12 league goals Kosmina also scored against Adelaide Juventus in a Philips Cup match last month.

In World Cup matches Kosmina has scored six goals — two against Hong Kong and South Korea and one against New Zealand and Taiwan.

Kosmina scored two goals against Arsenal and Red Star Belgrade in the World of Soccer competition in July and scored another goal against Red Star when the great Yugoslav team visited Australia last February.

Victoria also had a taste of Kosmina's shooting power when he scored South Australia's only goal in its 1-2 loss to the Victorians in

Pakistan Airlines spring a surprise

The ASPA Best Under 21 Player, John Kosmina, received a pleasant surprise when he accepted his trophy.

Pakistan Airlines and Goldair Travel had decided, at the last moment, to present him with a return trip for two to Manila and Bangkok, plus free accommodation.

John will fly Pakistan International Airlines and Philippine Airlines.

Kosmina, of West Adelaide Hellas, won the award by the convincing margin of 51 votes.

The top three were: Kosmina 102 votes, **Danny Moulis** (Canberra) 51, **Chris Kalafatidis** (South Melbourne Hellas) 32.

Kosmina said: "Thanks to my team mates and to the opposition. Without the opposition there would be nothing to play for".

West Adelaide Hellas president Arthur Zaikos toasts his star player John Kosmina (right).

Of his 21 national league goals, two stand out from the rest.

His efforts against St. George in Adelaide last May and against Juventus three weeks ago clearly illustrated what a great scorer he is.

His goal against the Saints was a raging free kick which tore past keeper **Martin Coe.**

He struck the ball with so much power that Coe did not see the ball until he picked it out of his net.

But his great goal against Juventus must be the best he has scored in Adelaide this year.

With **Bugsy Nyskohus** breathing down his neck Kosmina picked up a loose superb 25 metre shot which flew into the bottom left hand corner, beating keeper **Roger Romanowicz** all the way.

But while 1977 will go down as the year he couldn't stop scoring, it will also be remembered as the year he missed three platinum opportunities.

The first came against Western Suburbs at Hindmarsh Stadium on April 10.

With Wests leading 1-0, Kosmina beat **Peter Wilson** with a brilliant body swerve and sent a cracking 25-metre shot against the post with 7,000 fans moaning in disbelief.

Two weeks later against Fitzroy Alexander he crashed the ball in the very same spot — this time from the penalty

But probably his worst miss was against Juventus in the Philips Cup only three weeks ago.

With the scores level at 2-2 and only a minute of extra time remaining, Kosmina combined with **Neil McGachey** to split Juventus' defence but from only two metres he kicked wide in what would have been the best goal he, or anybody else for that matter, would have scored in Adelaide for the whole year.

In 1970 former West German national coach Dettmar Cramer saw Kosmina, then 14, train and said: "He will become another Bobby Charlton one day."

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NATION-WIDE FA CUP NEXT YEAR

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A Football Association of Australia and a nation-wide FA Cup may start next year, the president of the Australian Soccer Federation, Sir Arthur George, said last week.

He was speaking at the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA) presentation dinner at the Melbourne Hilton.

After predicting there will be a finals series and grand final in the national league next year, Sir Arthur said:

"We hope the Philips Cup will become an FA Cup, with seeded applicants from all over Australia, and with the possibility that a team from Bendigo, Ballarat or Dubbo could knock out a Philips League team.

"We will look to the State federations to do something about their competitions.

"We would like to see Ipswich, the Gold Coast, Bundaberg, all involved in the Queensland State League, for instance.

"The same goes for NSW, where Griffiths, Dubbo, Lismore could take part in a State-wide league."

On the subject of forming an FA of Australia, Sir Arthur said: "At the moment, the ASF has members voted for by only about 2% of people in soccer.

"I hope to put forward a proposal to set up a Football Association of Australia, which will represent amateurs, referees, schoolboys, junior soccer, while the ASF will continue to look after the professional leagues."

Rale Rasic receives his trophy from Sir Arthur George, as compere Bob Ashbury of ATVO looks on.

Friends again as Rasic is honored

Rale Rasic and Sir Arthur George, two old adversaries, buried the hatchet at the ASPA presentation dinner at the Melbourne Hilton.

Rasic and Sir Arthur have been feuding since Rasic ceased being national coach right after the 1974 World Cup finals.

But it was Sir Arthur who was called upon by ASPA Victorian branch president **Jim Barker** to present the Coach of the Year award to Rasic.

And it all went smoothly.

Referring to Marconi's loss of the championship on goal difference, Sir Arthur said: "It just goes to show Rale, that you can't lose them all.

"You've made a great contribution to Australian soccer and to the first year of the Philips Soccer League."

In accepting the award, Rasic, 41, said: "I pay tribute to those magnificent heroes, the boys of Marconi, who made this moment possible tonight."

The award marked yet another major achievement in the career of Australia's all-time great coach.

Look at his history in soccer:

- Played in Yugoslavia for **Vojvodina, Spartak** and **Borac;**
- Played for **Footscray J.U.S.T.** and **Victoria** from 1962 to 1963 when he returned home to serve in the Yugoslav army. Voted Victorian full back of the year, 1963.
- Returned to Australia in 1966 and after a short spell with **Yugal,** flying from Melbourne to Sydney for games, he stopped playing at 29.
- After a short, unsuccessful introduction to coaching with **Essendon-Triestina,** he was appointed coach of **J.U.S.T.** in 1969 and led the team to the State League championship.
- In 1970, he coached **Melbourne** to second position.
- He also took the Victorian under 16 team to victory in the national youth championship in 1970.
- Victorian State team coach 1969-70.
- Appointed national coach, August, 1970. He coached Australia in 58 games, including the 1970 world tour and 1972 Asian tour. Also took Australia to the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.
- In 1971, as coach of **St. George Budapest,** he led the Saints to triumph in an international tournament in Tokyo and then to victory in the NSW grand final.
- Won the inter-city Cup with **Marconi** in 1973.
- Won the NSW grand final with **Marconi,** 1973.
- Took **Pan Hellenic** into the final four in 1975.
- Returned to **Marconi** and took them into the 1976 top four.
- Coached **Marconi** into equal top place on the national league ladder, but lost title on goal difference.

Votes for the Coach of the Year:
1. **Rale Rasic (Marconi) 88.**
2. **Gerry Chaldi (Hakoah) 58.**
3. **Johnny Warren (Canberra) 45.**

Coach of the year Rale Rasic proudly holds up his trophy.

Two of the best

Murray Barnes (left) came equal sixth in the voting, while Harry Williams (right) came fifth.

Hawke was sick

Bob Hawke, who was to have been guest of honor at the ASPA presentations, was unable to attend because he was ill.

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Quality, not quantity

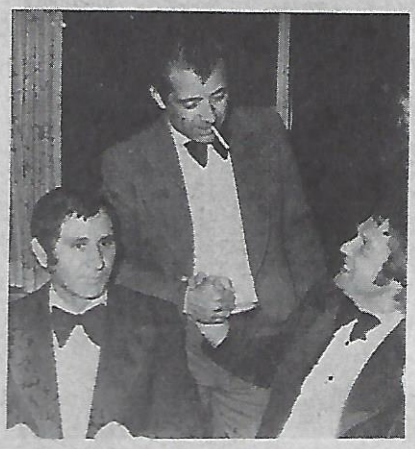
The Philips League had created greater co-operation between clubs than ever before, Andrew Lederer said as he accepted the Philips Shield on behalf of Hakoah, the first national champion.

"The Philips League has also created more interest in soccer than ever before," Lederer said.

"We are now working as one big family, which is good for soccer."

Lederer added: "Our club may not have represented quantity in soccer, but we have always stood for quality."

Les Bordacs (left) of St. George and Sam Papasavas of South Melbourne Hellas admire the Philips Shield, held by Andrew Lederer of Hakoah, which won the championship.



Adelaide Juventus president (standing) greets Brisbane Lions coach Les Scheinflug (right) and Brisbane City president Guido Canale.

Anderson got his own back!

Tommy Anderson talks of the day he was flattened by Johnny Warren.

In presenting Johnny Warren with a special award for service to soccer, Sydney journalist Tom Anderson recalled the first game he played against Warren.

"It was in 1967, when I was back in Australia the second time," Anderson said.

"I had joined South Coast United from Scottish club St. Mirren and we were to play against St. George.

"My coach, **Jim Kelly**, told me that I'd have to mark Warren.

"Well, Warren had a big name and I was pretty apprehensive about it all.

"After five minutes of play, I hit Warren into the stands with a hard tackle, which was uncharacteristic of me.

"I walked over and gave him a handkerchief, so he could cry about it.

"Two minutes later I find myself down on the ground, in the same place and Warren says: 'Here's your hankie back, son'.

"I knew then that Johnny Warren has what it takes.

"Johnny's name is synonymous with the game of soccer in Australia. Soccer needs personalities, and there are not enough personalities like Johnny Warren in Australia."

Accepting the award, Warren said: "There has been talk tonight about the Adelaide and Brisbane teams having done so well in the league, but we tend for forget about Canberra.

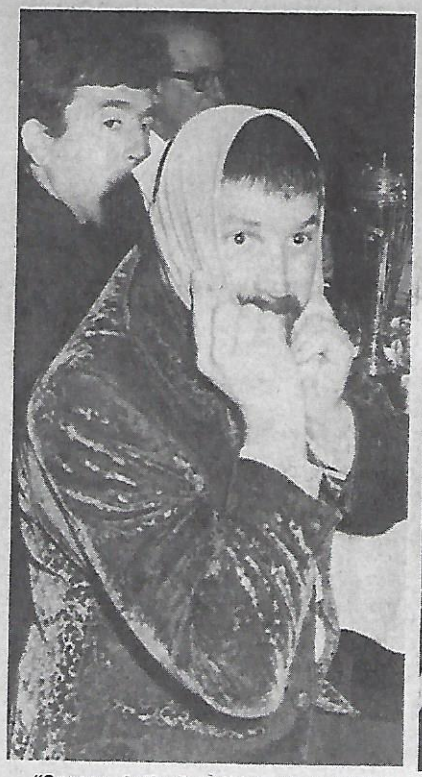
"I'm proud of Canberra City, one of the clubs that had the guts to go into the Philips League when things did not look so bright.

"Ten people in Canberra wanted to go in despite the enormous odds against them, and they went ahead and did it.

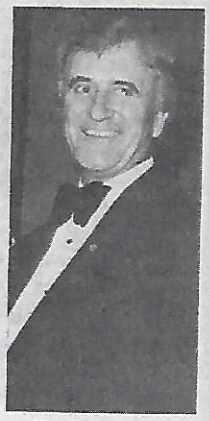
"I thank the board of Canberra, and the players who are presented here tonight by **Danny Moulis**.

"Danny played under 15 grade until last year. This year, in the voting for the league's best under 21 player, he has finished second only to a great player in John Kosmina. It's a tremendous achievement."

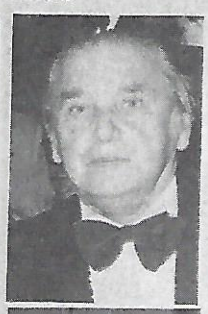
Johnny Warren makes his acceptance speech after receiving a trophy for special service to soccer.

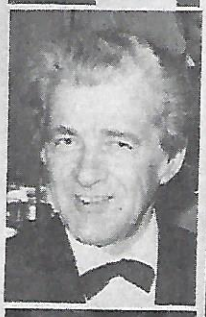


"Soccer Action" satirist Knut Werner hams it up. Behind him is J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic.



Jim Barker, president of the ASPA Victorian branch.





Former Polonia officials Dr. Charlie Walker (top) and Tad Lezon (middle), with ASPA's Victorian secretary Steve Kalus (above)

The ASPA best under 21 player, John Kosmina (centre) with runners-up Danny Moulis (right) of Canberra and third-placed Chris Kalafatidis (left) of South Melbourne Hellas.

J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic (left) and president Tony Kovac (right) with Sydney journalist Alan Vanderpool

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ASPA team of the year

This is the Australian all-star eleven chosen by the Australian Soccer Press Association, with the number of votes gained by each player.

A total of 71 players were nominated in the voting.

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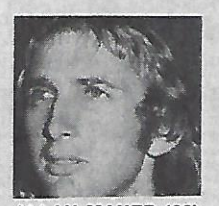
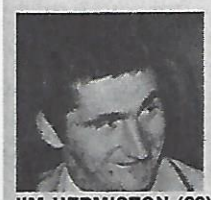


ALLAN MAHER (23)
(Marconi)



JIM HERMISTON (22)
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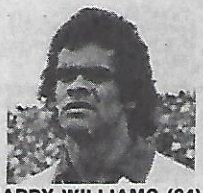
PETER WILSON (16)
(West Subs)

COL BENNETT (20)
(Brisb Lions)



HARRY WILLIAMS (34)
(St. George)

MURRAY BARNES (31)
(Hakoah)

JOHN PERIN (13)
(Juventus)

JIM ROONEY (36)
(Marconi)

JOHN KOSMINA (34)
(W.Adel Hellas)

DIXIE DEANS (27)
(Juventus)

BRANKO BULJEVIC (29)
(Alexander)

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A happy pair — Adelaide Juventus coach Edmund Kreft, (left) and VSF chairman Michael Weinstein.

What luck!

Mendo Ristovski of Footscray J.U.S.T. scored one of the most memorable hat-tricks of his career at the ASPA presentation dinner.

In the ASPA raffle he won, not one, but three prizes — a shirt from **Everest Knitwear,** a track suit from **Soccer City** of St. Kilda and a summer jacket from **Van Vagas** men's wear.

The main prize, a weekend for two at the Wrest Point casino, was won by **Rale Rasic.**

The prize was provided by **E & B Travel.**

Other prize winners:

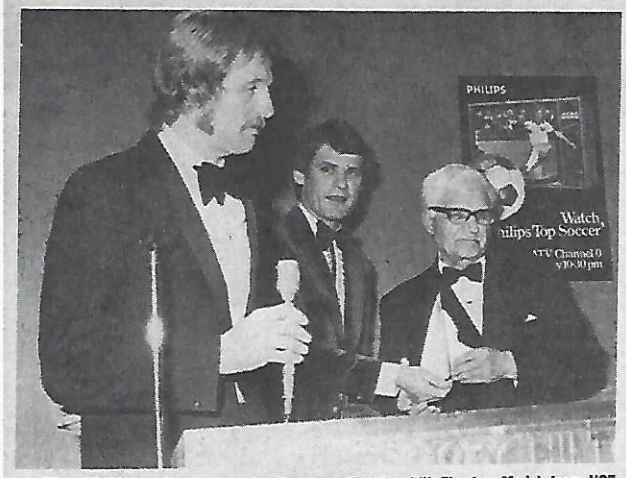
Bob Gollin (Phillips), a men's shirt from **Wellington Knitwear.**

Bob Kempt (ATVO), a photo stand from **Eckelsman.**

Tad Lezon (Polish Weekly), a cardigan from **Paul's Menswear.**

Mendo Ristovski (right) of J.U.S.T. with Duncan Cummings of Hellas.

WATKINS MAKES A FINE START



Mick Watkins makes a speech after accepting the Bill Fleming Medal from VSF president Theo Marmaras. In the middle is compere Bob Ashbury.

Mick Watkins of Juventus is the only player to have won the Bill Fleming medal in his first State League season.

The medal is for the Victorian player of the year, according to votes cast by the press.

Watkins, a deadly winger, said as he was congratulated by VSF president **Theo Marmaras:**

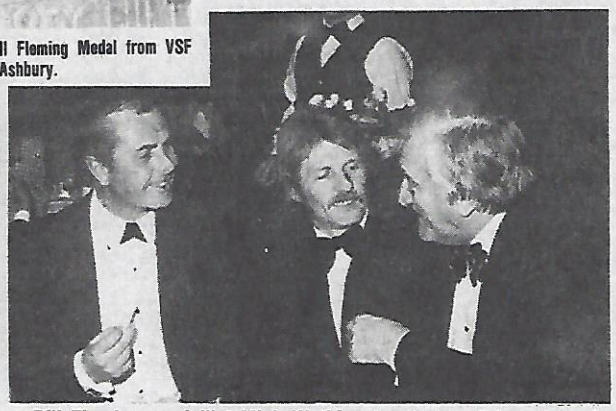
"It's a great honor as I've been in this country only six months.

"I thank my club, Juventus, my coach **Bobby McLachlan** and the Press."

Previous winners of the Bill Fleming Medal are:

1971 — **Jim Pyrgolios** (Hellas); 1972 — **John Garinder** (George Cross); 1973 — **Frank Micic** (JUST); 1974 — **Jim Armstrong** (Hellas); 1975 — **Bill Vojtek** (Juventus); 1976 — 1976 — **Jim Tansey** (Slavia).

Victorian Federation officials George Wallace (left) and Mick McCulloch (right) chat with former national team manager John Barclay.



Bill Fleming medallist Mick Watkins (centre) and Juventus official Vito Cilauro (left) are entertained by "Soccer Action" writer Lee Sherrock.

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Australia has the most barbaric and antiquated sports facilities of any developed country in the world, Australian Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George told the Rothmans Medal dinner at the Southern Cross Hotel.

"Sport in Australia is entitled to more than it gets from the government," he said.

He said only 7000 covered seats were available for pre-selling in Sydney, making it extremely difficult to successfully plan big soccer promotions.

Melbourne had a big advantage in having Olympic Park and Middle Park.

Sir Arthur said Australia had nothing to compare with the 210,000 — seat Maracana Stadium in Rio.

Stadiums in Indonesia, Iran and Kuwait left Australia's for dead, he added.

The cost of travel within Australia was a further hindrance to sport.

"It costs $190,000 for air fares in the Philips League," he said.

"To add one team from Western Australia, it would cost an additional $158,000.

"It would be cheaper to bring a team from Auckland and much cheaper to bring one from Singapore.

"That gives you a fair indication of the transport cost structure in this country."

Sir Arthur said the Confederation of Australian Sport, a sports lobby of which he is vice-president, had started a campaign to make governments aware that those in sport represent 3.5 million people who deserve better treatment.

"It is time for us to stand up and be counted," he said.

"Our message to the government is: hands off the people who help sport, and how about doing something for sport yourselves?"

Sir Arthur said the Confederation of Australian Sport had already succeeded in winning financial help for sport from the government.

"Before the 15th of this month, I expect an announcement of a government grant of one million dollars for distribution among sports in Australia," he said.

He added the Confederation had also succeeded in preventing legislation that prohibits toba prohibit sponsr companies.

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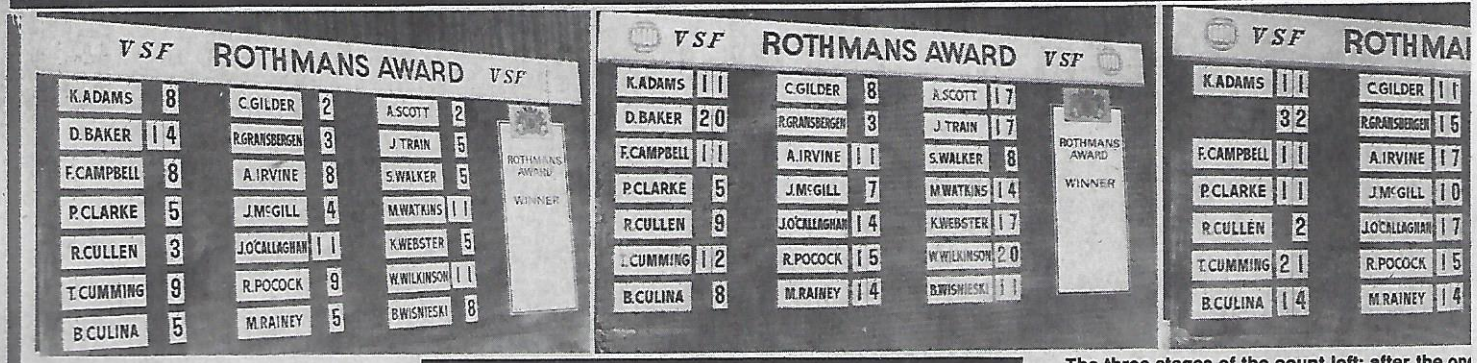


The three stages of the count left: after the one after 3 - votes for the first round; right: the final

All the winners

All the Rothmans Medal winners:

1971 — JOHN GARDINER (George Cross) — 23 votes.
1972 — JOHN GARDINER (George Cross) — 25 votes.
1973 — VINCE BANNON (Alexander) — 33 votes.
1974 — PAT BANNON (Alexander) — 32 votes.
1975 — DAVID BAKER (Hakoah) — 43 votes.
1976 — JIM TANSEY (Slavia) — 37 votes.
1977 — DAVID BAKER (Hakoah) — 32 votes.

Mick Watkins (left) winner of the 1977 Bill Fleming Medal, with Juventus team mate Steve Walker.

MARIA BREAKS A TRADITION

For the first time, there was a woman among the guests at the Victorian Rothmans Medal presentation night.

Mrs. Maria Biewer (pictured) of St. Albans, was there as a member of the Metropolitan League Management Committee.

The presentation night had previously been for men only.

Clubs' best

ALTONA: Gransbergen 15 votes, van der Poel 11.

LIONS: Culina 14, G. Train 10.

FRANKSTON: Webster 23, Irvine 17.

GEORGE CROSS: Wilkinson 29, Cullen 12.

GREEN GULLY: McGill 10, Donaldson 8.

HAKOAH: Baker 32, Rainey 14.

JUVENTUS: Watkins 23, Walker 14.

POLONIA: Wisniewski 14, Koter 12.

SLAVIA: J. Train 23, Clark 11, Gilder 11.

MAKEDONIA: Campbell 11, Fox 8.

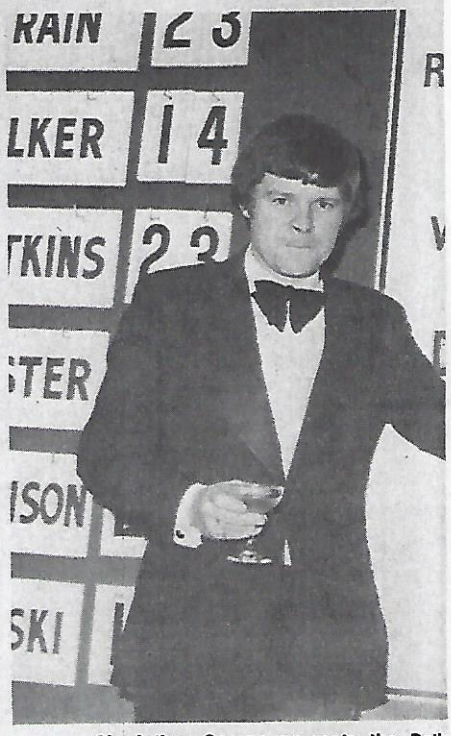
RINGWOOD: Scott 17, O'Callaghan 17.

SUNSHINE: Cumming 21, Pocock 15.

George Cross player - voting. At left is the Stat

'Cross, Sunshine top

	No. of players who received votes	No. of votes club received
Altona City	12	71
Essendon Lions	15	64
Frankston City	9	68
George Cross Courage	11	77
Green Gully-Ajax	9	48
Hakoah-St Kilda	10	75
Juventus	10	70
Polonia-Marlbyrnong	8	49
Prahran Slavia	13	70
Preston-Makedonia	11	54
Ringwood City	9	69
Sunshine City	10	77



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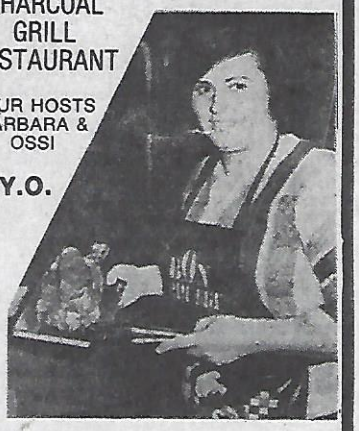

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Sir Arthur said the affluent society had set sport the task of competing with alternative forms of entertainment, many of which were not as healthy nor as character-building as sport.

"Also, TV has made it necessary for sport to be an entertainment as well as a game," he said.

"We keep saying soccer is going ahead, but it won't go ahead by itself.

"At the top level, soccer must be a game of such skill that it provides better entertainment than that available through other avenues."

About the national league, Sir Arthur said: "It has not achieved such a degree of success as to satisfy someone as demanding as I am, but it has laid the foundations for much greater success in the future."

Sir Arthur predicted confidently that Australia would be the venue of the 1981 Coca Cola world youth championship.

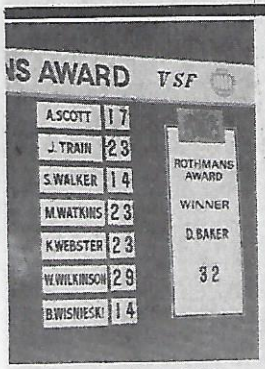
"It will be the biggest event in Australia since the 1956 Olympic Games were held in this city," he said.

Although Australia had applied to stage the 1979 championship, Sir Arthur believes it is Japan's application that will be successful.

Australia should get the 1981 titles and the United States the 1983 series.

Twenty-four of the world's leading youth teams take part in the championship.

ASF president, Sir Arthur George, talks at the Rothmans Medal dinner. At right is VSF president Theo Marmaras.



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Great early dash by Andy Scott

Victorian Rothmans Medal winner Dave Baker was thankful that Ringwood's Andy Scott returned to England half way through the season.

Scott was the surprise packet of the count.

The dynamic striker had only two votes on the board after counting of the one and two-votes.

Then he picked up five three-votes to trail Baker and Billy Wilkinson by only three votes after points for the first half of the season had been counted.

Scott received votes in seven games — and that's about all he played before returning to England.

Scott was a regular goalscorer during his short reign but the king of the marksmen, **Ken Reed** of George Cross, didn't poll well at all.

His total of only eight votes was scant reward for the 24 goals he scored in the league.

Reed obviously lost many votes to his coach, **Billy Wilkinson,** who was the unlucky loser of the night.

The man who steered George Cross to its first State League championship was level with Baker on 29 votes as the last envelope was opened. It contained a three-vote for Baker, who therefore won the last vote of the night.

Wilkinson and Baker each polled six three-votes. So did **Keith Webster** of Frankston and **Jim Train** of Slavia.

Voting details:

32 votes Baker (Hakoah)

29 Wilkinson (G. Cross).

23 Webster (Frankston), Watkins (Juventus), J. Train (Slavia).

21 Cumming (Sun.)

17 Irvine (Frank), O'Callaghan (Ring). Scott (Ringwood).

15 Gransbergen (Alt), Pocock (Sun)..

14 Culina (Lions), Rainey (Hakoah), Walker (Juve), Wisniewski (Pol.).

12 Cullen (G.C), Koter (Pol).

11 Van der Poel (Alt), Clarke (Slavia), Gilder (Slavia), Campbell (Mak), Adams (Ring).

10 Train (Lions), Buchanan (Frank), McGill (GG-A), Czapnik (Pol).

9. Murray (Altona), Mussel (Sun.)

8. Little (Alt), Savage (Frank.), Maitland (GC), Donaldson (GG-A), G. Bannon (Juv), C. Smith (Juve), Fox (Mak), Lewis (Sun), McCarthy (Sun, Reed (GC).

7. Ackers (Alt), J. Webb (GC), Denys (GG-A), Patten (GG-A), Blair (Hak), Garthwaite (Ring).

6. A. Davidison (Alt), Kerr (Lions), Vassallo (GG-A), O'Hara (Hak), Hotson (Juve), McClymont (Mak).

5. Kokoska (Lions), Krncevic (Lions), K. Murphy (Lions), Segi (GG-A), Sorokowski (Pol), Baber (Slavia), Brewerton (Mak), McMorran (Mak), Jones (Ring).

4. Gunn (Lions), McMillan (Lions), Barron (GC), Jordanou (Hak), Armstrong (Juve), Symington (Slavia), Beech (Mak), Laumets (Mak), Kreskas (Ring), Johnson (Sun), McRobert (Sun.).

3. M. Banagan (Alt), Ignatidis (Alt), Pedley (Alt), Watters (Alt), J. Wallace (Lions), B. Davidson (Lions), Eadie (Frank), Petersen (Frank.), Ebini (GC), McNeill (Hak), Pfisterer (Juve), Herman (Pol), Jaworski (Pol), Moore (Slavia), Short (Slavia), Bernard (Mak), Petrovski (Mak), McGifford (Mak), Wroe (Ring), Schott (Ring), Dixey (Sun), Piotrowski (Sun).

2. Lord (Alt), W. Campbell (Frank.), Cutajar (GC), Kelly (GC), J. Thompson (GG-A), G. Tribuzzio (GG-A), Edmondston (Hak), Groenewald (Hak), Steward (Hak), Della Rocca (Juve), Bennie (Slavia), Mitchell (Slavia), Owens (Slavia), Owens (Slavia), D. Pye (Slavia), McAleer (Mak), Plumb (Ring), Nelson (Sun).

1. R. Taylor(Alt), Andrews (Lions), Kennedy (Lions), Kulyk (Lions), G. Smart (Lions), Vojtek (Lions), Adams (Frank.), T. Taylor (Frank), Kastner (GC), McConville (GC), F. Berens (GG-A), Nagy (Hak), C. Lucchesi (Juve), C. Sabidussi (Juve), Dimitriou (Pol), W. Klain (Pol), Monaghan (Slavia), Ripley (Slavia).

– coach Billy Wilkinson (right), runner-up in the
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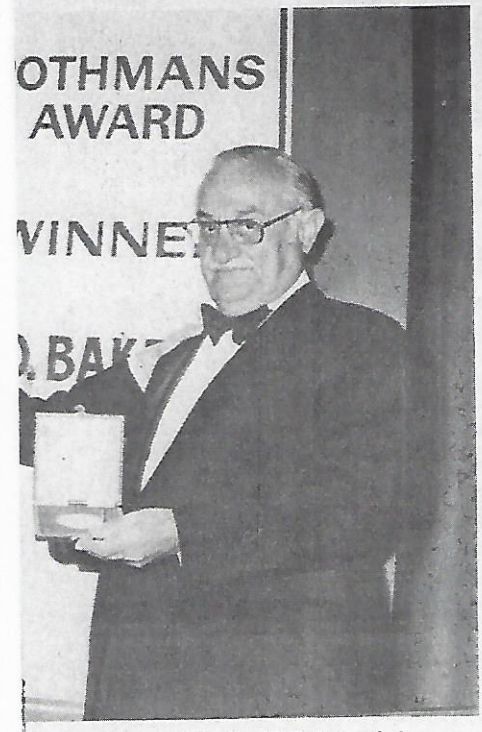

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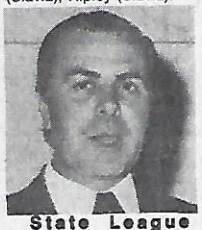

State League chairman Vito Cilauro

Best in positions

The best players in positions, according to the Rothmans Medal votes:

van der POEL (Altona)

J. TRAIN (SLAVIA) — BAKER (Hakoah) — IRVINE (Frankston) — RAINEY (Hakoah)

WEBSTER (Frankston) — WILKINSON (Geo. Cross) — O'CALLAGHAN (Ringwood)

WATKINS (Juventus) — SCOTT (Ringwood) — CUMMING (Sunshine)

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The once a year night

Last year's Rothmans Medallist Jim Tansey (left), now with Fitzroy Alexander, chats with Vic French, secretary of Slavia, Tansey's former club. Between them is Slavia player Mark Baber.

Preston-Makedonia players Frank Campbell (left), Tommy Fox (centre) and Peter Laumets (right), the goalkeeper who was among the vote leaders in the 1976 count.

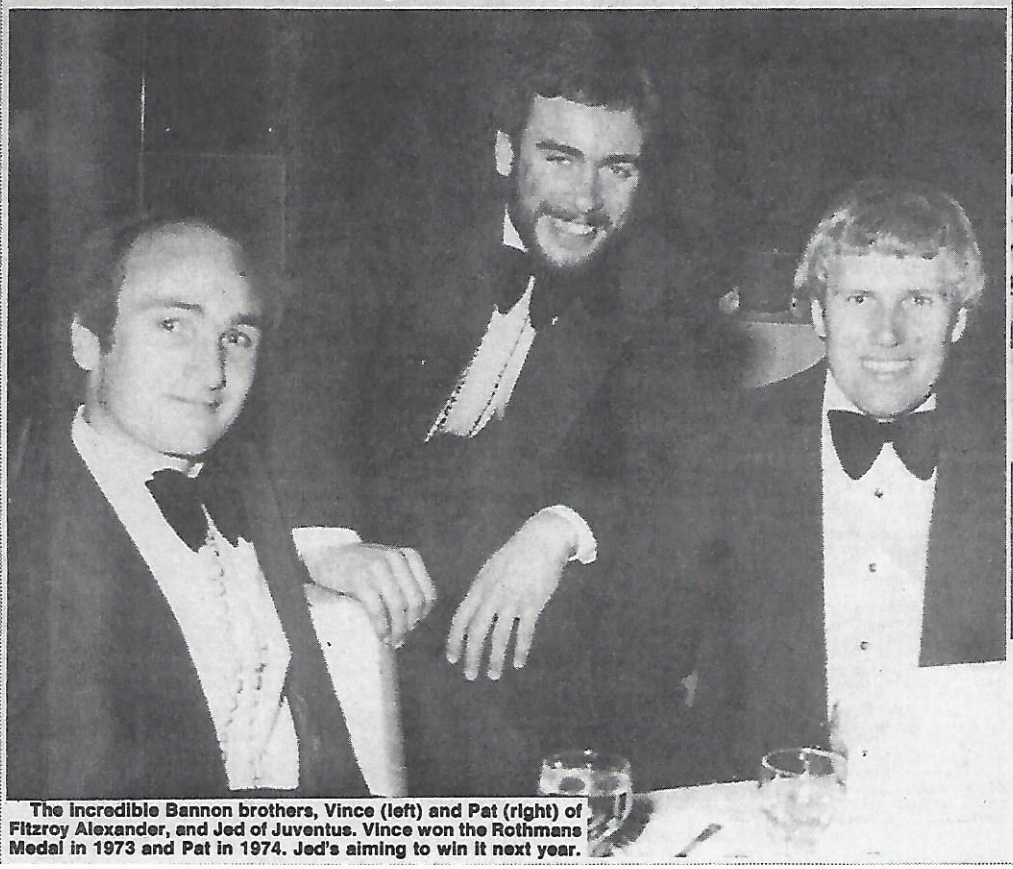
Slavia and Victoria goalkeeper Peter Clarke (left) with his club president Peter Collins, MLA and Essendon Lions manager Frank Burin (right).

Former Test cricketer Keith Stackpole of Rothmans.

VSF secretary George Wallace, with Sir Arthur George behind him, announces that David Baker has won the 1977 medal.

Sir Arthur later announced that Wallace had been chosen to conduct a course on administration as part of a FIFA mission to Fiji. Rothmans director of coaching Eric Worthington will accompany Wallace to lecture on coaching.

Sir Arthur also made a presentation to George Wallace in appreciation for the co-operation he has given the ASF over the years.



The incredible Bannon brothers, Vince (left) and Pat (right) of Fitzroy Alexander, and Jed of Juventus. Vince won the Rothmans Medal in 1973 and Pat in 1974. Jed's aiming to win it next year.

Will Alston, Abonyi face Kuwait?

With the inclusion of Adrian Alston in the national squad, coach Jim Shoulder now has five forwards vying for the three strikers' positions against Kuwait at the Sydney Sports Ground on Sunday.

They are **Attila Abonyi** *(Croatia Sydney),* **Peter Ollerton** *(South Melbourne Hellas),* **John Nyskohus** *(Adelaide Juventus),* **John Kosmina** *(West Adelaide Hellas) and* **Alston** *(Canberra).*

Kosmina is certain to play, but the other two positions appear to be in some doubt.

If Shoulder sticks by his regulars, as he has done until now, **Peter Ollerton** will certainly play, especially since he's improved his club form.

Nyskohus has been a regular but unfortunately he has been a failure in all the World Cup matches so far.

The exclusion of Nyskohus would leave the third position open to either Alston or Abonyi, who played well when he came on in the second half against South Korea.

The midfield will almost certainly comprise **Dave Harding**, **Murray Barnes** and **Jimmy Rooney** but there may be a change at right back.

Col Curran has been called into the squad and may be used in place of **George Harris** to prepare him for the away games in Hong Kong and Seoul, where he has to play because **Harry Williams** has to remain at home for exams at teachers' college.

Facts and figures

Facts and figures about Kuwait; as at 1974:

Year of foundation of Kuwait FA: 1952.

Year of affiliation to FIFA: 1962.

National team colors: blue and white or red and white.

Number of clubs: 13.

Number of registered players: 900 (300 amateur category, 600 youth).

Number of referees: 52.

Number of clubs in first division: 7.

Duration of season: October-May.

National stadium: Shuweikh Secondary School Stadium, Kuwait, capacity 25,000.

Area of country: 5,800 square miles.

Population: 750,000.

Official language: Arabic.

Name of capital: Kuwait.

Population: 150,000.

Record of caps

Caps held by the Australian players plus their goals in all games, not just internationals:

	Caps	Goals
Wilson	58	2
Abonyi	55	33
Rooney	41	5
Alston	36	13
Ollerton	23	17
Bennett	23	
Harding	19	11
Byrne	19	
Williams	1	17
Kosmina	15	12
Reilly	15	
Curran	15	
Barnes	15	6
J.Nyskohus	12	2
Maher	8	
Marocchi	5	
Stone	2	
Jones	-	

Kosmina: 6 goals

All appearances and goals in World Cup matches:

	Games	Goals
Abonyi	25	5
Wilson	21	1
Baartz	20	5
Schaefer	20	
Rooney	17	2
Alston	16	4
Richards	14	2
Utjesenovic	14	1
Mackay	13	3
Warren	13	1
Corry	13	
Watkiss	12	2
Buljevic	11	2
Vojtek	10	
Ackerley	9	
Keith	9	
Marnoch	8	
Curran	8	
Ollerton	8	3
Williams	8	
Kosmina	7	6
Fraser	7	
Harris	7	
Bennett	7	
McColl	6	4
Rutherford	6	1
Hogg	6	
Campbell	5	2
Tolson	5	
Harding	5	
Byrne	5	
Walsh	4	
Clarke	4	
J.Nyskohus	4	
Barnes	3	1
Maher	3	
Reilly	3	
Perin	3	
Zeman	3	
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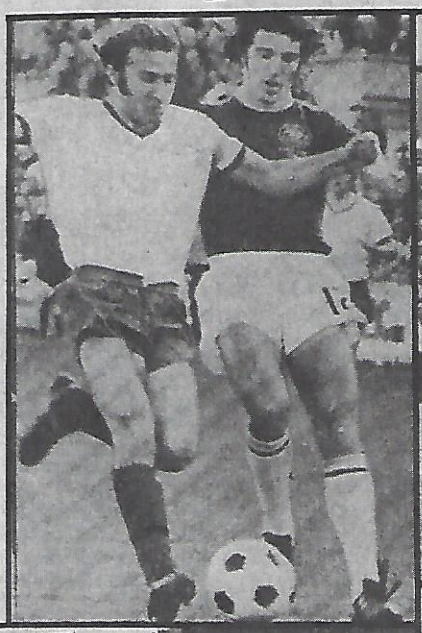
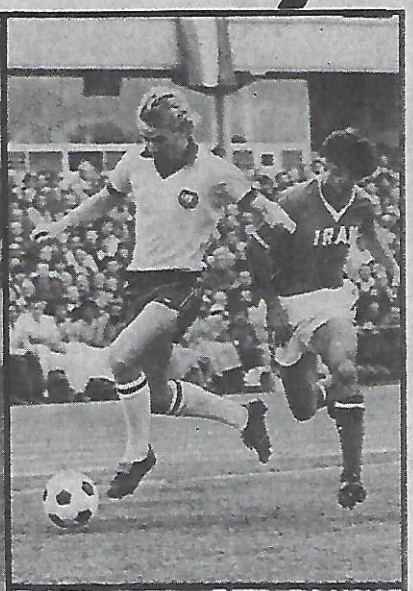
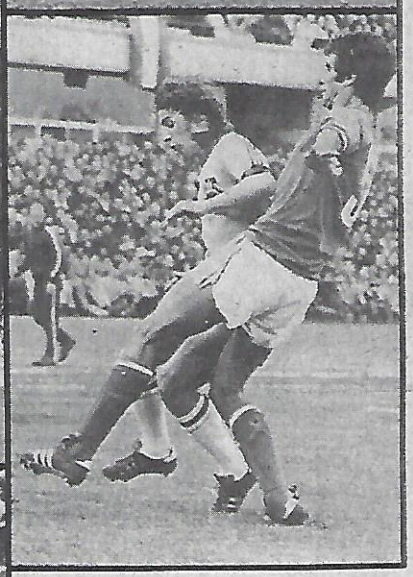






The five forwards vying for places in the team to meet Kuwait on Sunday . . .

TOP LEFT: Adrian Alston, in action against Mantoan of Neuchatel Xamax in a warm-up game in Switzerland just before the 1974 World Cup finals.

TOP RIGHT: John Kosmina outruns Eskandarian of Iran in the recent World Cup match at Olympic Park.

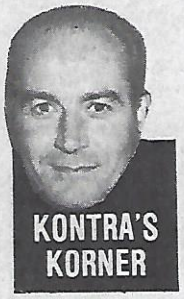
CENTRE LEFT: Peter Ollerton flicks a header goalwards against Iran.

CENTRE RIGHT: John Nyskohus, tackled by Iran's Kazerani.

LEFT: Attila Abonyi, thwarted by Hong Kong goalkeeper Chu Kok-Kuen during a match in Hong Kong last year.

There's been little improvement in eight years

No doubt, Jimmy Shoulder, like the rest of us, is keeping his fingers crossed before our all-important clash with Kuwait.



KONTRA'S KORNER

A lot has been said about his team selection and I do not intend adding to the confusion as every coach, sports writer and soccer fan would select a different team if given the chance.

Even at club level, this is perhaps the most controversial issue and for a coach, the only way to vindicate his judgment is to win.

If he wins, his selection was right and everybody agrees with him. If he loses, he was wrong and everybody else was right.

Coaches, of course, will make mistakes in team selection and tactics but 'pinning the tail' on the coach alone is perhaps an over-simplification.

Looking at the performance, I am concerned at the lack of improvement since our World Cup campaign in 1969.

I believe that the team which failed by the odd goal against a very strong Israel in 1969, was just as good as the team which qualified four years later.

Neither Korea nor Iran in our successful 1973 campaign were as strong as Israel in the previous series, yet realistically speaking, we needed a great deal of luck to get past both of these countries.

Our current team appears to be a less capable combination than either **Joe Vlasits** or **Rale Rasic's.**

Admittedly **Jimmy** ing the best players available and certainly against Iran he did show tactical immaturity, particularly in the second half, but the fact remains that despite increased financial investment in the national side, little or no progress has been made in the past eight years in available playing strength.

Perhaps our success in 1974 did more harm than good.

Although it was great to bask in the glory of our temporary success, maybe another failure would have triggered off a concentrated national effort to improve our standard.

The attitude in soccer circles appears to be a very short-sighted one (soccer writers included). If we win, we are the greatest and if we lose, blame the coach.

While we float between these two extremes, the years slip past, coaches and players come and go, and little is being done to ensure that the chances of success are systematically increased in our favour and the gap between us and the top soccer nations is gradually decreased.

There is so much effort put into the game at all levels by a lot of forward thinking people working in administration and coaching.

However, to harness all these human resources, clear national objectives are required, resulting in conscious involvement at all levels towards the improvement of Australian soccer.

Perhaps I could summarise our most urgent need in one word — LEADERSHIP.

I extend my very best wishes to Jim Shoulder and his team.

Win or lose, they represent us, they reflect our strengths and weaknesses in the mirror of international competition.

I trust their efforts will trigger planned national involvement rather than further years of stagnation and wishful thinking.

—KEN KONTRA.

A view from the junior ranks
BY LEIF JENSEN

This is Paul Lepore, who was recently named best and fairest player of all the players in Fawkner's seven junior teams. It was one of three trophies which Paul received at the presentation night at Fawkner community hall. Paul plays for Fawkner's under 15s. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

These Colts are thoroughbreds

In an exciting match, Green Gully Ajax beat Hakoah 3-0 to finish the season as undefeated champion of the under 16 State League Colts.

The team is coached by former St. Albans player Gerhard Torner.

Back row (left to right); G. Torner (coach), V. Pavlovic, K. Wilson, R. Magro, M. Schille, Z. Jutrisa. Middle row: H. Torner (capt.), B. Torner, H. Digregorio, T. Petricca. Front row: W. Parker (v. capt.), T. Zammit, M. Lakac, D. Hogben, J. Galea.

Gauci Moe's champ

Moe United's under 14 side finished the 1977 season undefeated.

Its honors for the season were league champions; champions of champions and Latrobe Valley Cup winners.

The side's record for the season's competition was: P 15, W 15, for 137 ag. 16.

Top goalscorer was Victorian representitive **Joey Gavci** who scored an amazing 96 goals, plus seven goals for Victoria with some outstanding displays.

Joey's consistency shows out in that he has scored 13 hat-tricks and also won the team's best and fairest award.

The side's other main success was its outstanding defence of: **Phillip Shelley** in goal; full-backs **Wayne Kerr** and **Martin Raun** and centre-half **Lino Polo** who has also scored 22 goals this season.

These four players plus **Bruce McConnell** and **Paul Spiteri** also play for the Latrobe Valley select sides.

But representitives don't stop there. The side also boasts two Victorian under 13 midfielders in **Paul Sheedy** and **Ricky Gavci.** It's no wonder this team cannot be beaten in the Valley.

The side's coach is **Fred Gauci** who has achieved great success with these lads in the past few years

The Moe club is looking to these players with great confidence, as the club is looking to play Provisional League soccer next year and needs the talent of top class junior players in the near future.

Sunshine Heights under 9 team and winner of the Lalor region Championship, back row from left: T. Ciantar (manager), L. Krol, T. Eley, V. Sammut, C. Tomelty, F. Muscat (dept captain) D. Smith (coach), R. Dragovic (vice captain), M. Camilleri.

Front row; G. Smith (mascot), D. Smith (captain), A. Zulli, A. Galea, J. Scerri, M. Saliba, D. Buckley, Absent; R. Agius, D. Caruana.

Hat-Trick Heroes

The "Soccer Action" Hat-Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scores three or more goals in any league, Cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

Coaches are asked to supply the following information.

1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more).
2. His age, address and the team for which he plays.
3. The team against which he scored the goals.
4. Date of the game.

Send the information to **"Soccer Action"** 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, Vic., and we will forward the certificate free of charge as an incentive to keep on scoring those goals!

The boys' name will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes", published every week.

Mark Gainsford, 9, four goals (Churches United Dragons NSW); **Chris O'Beirne,** 8 (Doncaster Rovers); **Paul Martinucci,** 8 five goals (Doncaster Rovers); **Richard Wiltshire,** 13, four goals (Croatia Whyalla, SA); **John Taylor,** 13 (Croatia-Whyalla, NSW); **Paul Buxton,** 12, four goals (Sunshine City); **Theo Poulentzas,** 11, five goals (Fitzroy-Alexander); **George Katsakis,** 11 (Fitzroy Alexander); **John Attard,** 15 (Green Gully Ajax); **Neil Wallace,** 11, four goals (Mooroolbark).

Four in final!

Mooroolbark under 11A league and JLMC Cup winners, created history for the club by being the first Mooroolbark side to win the cup.

In a successful season, Mooroolbark went through undefeated, scoring 47 goals and conceding five in league games and scoring 26 goals and conceding two in the cup.

The main goalscorer, **Neil Wallace,** scored four goals in the final, his third hat-trick this season.

The soccer displayed by these lads combined skill, dedication, determined training and sports manship.

Photo, back row: from left Bmill Miller (manager), Bob Edmonds (coach), Nickvan Egmond (assistant coach). Middle row: David Miller, Sahun Storer, John Michaeloudakis, Mark Woods, Nick van Egmond, Mark Edmonds, Scott McKenzie, Neil Wallace, David Klepac. Front row: Robert Ireson, Ian Parker, Richard Ellisdon, Simon Coverley, Nicholas Cocking, Adam Harrington.

And it's only their first year

Springvale under 10 team lost only one game in the Peninsula B League in its first season together.

They played 18 games, won 14, drew three and lost one for a total goal score of 44.

Only four goals were scored against them.

Coach and manager **John Hasler** agreed that teamwork in defence and attack will be first class for the beginning of 1978

Top goalscorers were **John A. Hasler** with 15 league goals,**Frank Iseli** 10, **David Gray** 8, **Goran Trifunov** 6, **Pedro Fric** 2, **Dennis MacKinnon** 1, **Markus Kampl** 1 and **Richard P. Hasler** 1.

Pictured from left to right back row: Lee McGann, Pedro Fric, David Gray, Peter Kara, Craig Forbes, Goran Trufunov. Front: Richard P. Hasler, John A. Hasler, Michael Thorpe, John Syrros, Markus Kampl, Dennis MacKinnon and Frank Iseli.

The big double

Monash under 12s completed the double when they won the Latrobe Valley Cup.

They had previously won the champions of champions trophy a few weeks earlier.

They are undefeated in the Valley, the only loss of the season having been against Frankston Pines in the J.L.M.C. cup.

Monash under 12s, Latrobe Valley League and cup winners pictured above: standing from left: M. Johnstone, D. Kowalass (coach), A. Winkelman, D. Teller, S. Sincich, S. Nash, G. Baldwin, C. Nash (coach), A. James. Front: S. Walsh, S. Johnson, G. Francis, C. Bird, P. Farrugia, G. Williamson.

COYLE'S BOYS WIN CUP

Albion Rovers under 10s last week won the V.S.F. Cup by beating Brighton 10 goals to 4.

Starting as under 7s, they were runners up in the league, Sunshine Heights carnival, and Ajax carnival. A year later as under 8s the same team was league champion, Altona Cup winners, runners-up in the Melbourne Cup, and quarter finalist in the J.L.M.C. Cup.

As under 9s, they were runners up in the league, they won the Altona cup and Melton carnival and were runners up in the J.L.M.C. cup.

Now, as under 10s they have won the V.S.F. Cup and were runners-up in the league.

Coach **Pat Coyle** and manager **Frank Dunn** can be very proud of their boys.

They are hoping for even better things to come.

Photograph: Back row: from left — P. Coyle (coach), F. Kerr, F. Loschiavo, B. Smythe (capt), B. Wytkamp, M. Vallese, R. Love, G. Pincott, D. Raniolo, F. Dunn (manager).

Front row: from left — B. McGuinness, M. Zarafa, R. Fish, J. Dunn, D. Jones, A. Burns, S. McMorrow, B. Baxter.

Teams for the final

Likely line-ups and shirt numbers for the Dockerty Cup final at Olympic Park at 3 pm on Sunday.

JUVENTUS
1. GRAHAM
2. DELLA ROCCA 4. WALKER 5. PFISTERER 3. SABADINI
6. BANNON 10. SMITH 8. SANNIPOLI
7. WATKINS 9. C. LUCCHESI 11. HOTSON

ESSENDON LIONS
1. KENNEDY
2. SMART 4. GUNN 3. KULYK 5. BILAVER
6. ANDREWS 8. KERR 7. CULINA
9. DAVIDSON 10. McMILLAN 11. MURPHY

Alan Kerr (left) heads home a gaol for Lions, under pressure from Danny Acevski. Goalkeeper Peter Laumets (right) has no hope of stopping it.

Davidson leads Lions to final

ESSENDON LIONS - 3 (Kerr 38, McMillan 44, Davidson 52)
PRESTON-MAKEDONIA 0.

LIONS: Kennedy 6, Smart 6, Kulyk 6, Kokoska (ini. sub Gunn 10, 7), Bilaver 6, Andrews 6, Culina 5 (sub Krncevic 65), Davidson 8, Kerr 8, McMillan 6, Murphy 6.

PRESTON: Laumets 7, Trajkowski 5, Petrov 5 (sub Masalovski), McMorran 5 (sub Najdowski 5), Brewerton 6, Aceski 3, McGifford 6, McClymont 5, Fox 5, Campbell 6, Beech 6.

Lions completely annihilated Preston in this one-sided game and only a combination of Peter Laumets and rank bad finishing prevented them from running up double figures.

True, the absence of **Brian Flaherty** with a broken arm, **Lube Petrovski,** injured and **John McQuade** and **John Bernard** who have defected, resulted in a line-up reshuffled out of recognition.

Jim McMorran reappeared in the back four and defenders **Tom Fox** and **Frank Campbell** played in the attack.

Fortunately, Laumets remained in goal, but he was left so exposed that he must have wished he was elsewhere.

By contrast, Lions looked good and began to get their game together as they have threatened to all season.

Since **Duncan McKay** arrived the side has had a more purposeful about it and it could become very good next year.

Sunday's game was only 10 minutes old when Steve Kokoska was unlucky to fall and break his finger, and he had to go to hospital where he was detained overnight for a minor operation.

But Lions were lucky to have experienced **Hugh Gunn** to step in and he played well.

Preston came under attack from the outset, and after **Brian Davidson** had just missed, the same player made a good run down the right and crossed a low hard ball that the flying **Ken Murphy** just failed to reach.

Davidson's speed was altogether too much for the Preston defence and the next time he got away, again on the right, his accurate cross was nodded home by **Alan Kerr** for Lion's first.

That was in the 38th minute and it was after that, that Preston's first shot came, from **Chris Petrov,** who managed a run from left back and shot into the side-netting.

But Preston's defence looked as leaky as a sieve and after Davidson had gone close again, **George McMillan** fastened onto a rebound and drove it home in the crucial minute before half-time.

That was the killer blow for Preston and the team never recovered.

The second half was a repetition of the first, with **Davidson,** after falling into the offside trap several times, eventually sprinting clear in the 52nd minute to round **Laumets** and score with ease.

He nearly had another too, when a shocking back pass from **Aceski** fell short of **Laumets** and the goalkeeper bravely dived at Davidson's feet and saved a certainty.

The final next Sunday is going to be an interesting battle of the coaches, between two old team-mates of Croatia days, **McLachlan** and **McKay.**

Dockerty Cup semi-finals with LES SHORROCK

McLACHLAN'S PLOT BEATS THE CROSS

JUVENTUS 1 (Smith 77 pen), GEORGE CROSS 0.

JUVENTUS: Graham 6, Sabadini 7, Della Rocca 7, Walker 8, Pfisterer 7, Bannon 7, Watkins 4, Sannipoli 6, C. Lucchesi 6, Smith 6, Hotson 4.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 7, McConville 6, Barron 6, Webb 7, Laurie 5, Wilkinson 5 (sub Lawler 80), Ebini 5, Murphy 5, Reed 6, Kelly 5, Walker 7.

Whether or not Juventus wins the Dockerty Cup, this victory will rank as its finest performance of the season.

The game was a triumph, not only for the team, but for the tactics of coach **Bob McLachlan,** for Juventus went into this tie a pronounced underdog after its dismal performance against Frankston in the last League match.

In addition it had lost the services of **Jimmy Armstrong** with a serious injury and on the face of it seemed to have no adequate striker.

But McLachlan plotted well and the squad carried out orders to perfection.

Big **Steve Walerk** was magnificent against Georgie's goal machine. **Ken Reed,** who rarely got his sights lined up on the Juventus goal, and **Serge Sabadini** and **Pat Della Rocca** reduced wingers **Peter Ebini** and **Kevin Walker** to ineffectiveness.

But Juve's main and unexpected success was in the midfield, with Charlie Smith policing Kevin Kelly, young Lou Sannipoli nullifying Paul Murphy, and the destructive Jed Bannon looking after Billy Wilkinson.

In fact, so well did Bannon do his job that 10 minutes from the end Billy limped off with an injury, to be replaced by **Don Lawler.**

At the previous meeting of the two teams, **Robert Cullen** had been replaced. Cullen elected to go off instead of **Ebini,** so sick was he of Bannon.

With each side aware that one mistake could be fatal, a stalemate existed for most of the game, and when the mistake came, it was Georgie that made it.

It came in the 32nd minute when the unfortunate John Laurie, with all the time in the world to give a short ball to his fullback, miscued and had to trip Claude Lucchesi as he came in to challenge.

Referee **Bambridge** had no hesitation in awarding the penalty, which **Charlie Smith** coolly planted beyond **Lou Kastner's** reach.

In the first half, Juve had allowed Georgie just two opportunities, once when **Graham** momentarily lost the ball in a goalmouth scramble, and once when the defence was pulled out of position and **Pat Della Rocca** headed off the line.

Apart from those, Georgie had no direct shots at the Juventus goal, and on balance **Lou Kastner** was the busier goalie on the day.

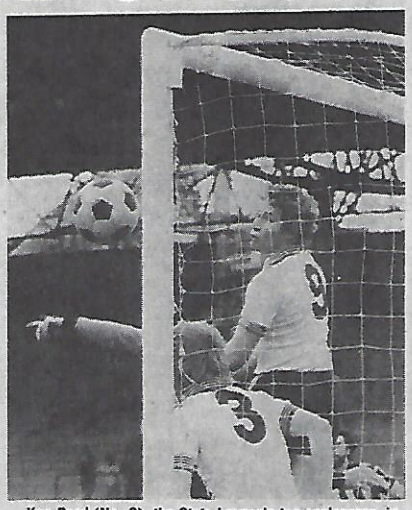
Georgie's defence too, played well and as a result, **Mick Watkins** and **John Hotson** were quiet.

John Webb got through a lot of work in his unobtrusive way, and in fact, Georgie looked most dangerous when Webb set off on his sallies upfield.

So the continuing saga of George Cross versus Juventus in 1977 remains as intriguing as ever, with at least one more meeting coming up in the State League Cup.

After three meetings they are all square, with Georgie winning the first encounter 4-1, when both sides attacked furiously, the second being a goalless draw and this latest a definite tactical victory for Juve.

The intriguing question is how will they play the next one?



Ken Reed (No. 9), the State League's top goalscorer, in an unaccustomed role, defending his goal.

Czapnik tops

Midfielder Andy Czapnik has won Polonia's best and fairest player award.

John Dykun was voted best and fairest of the reserve team.

Other awards:

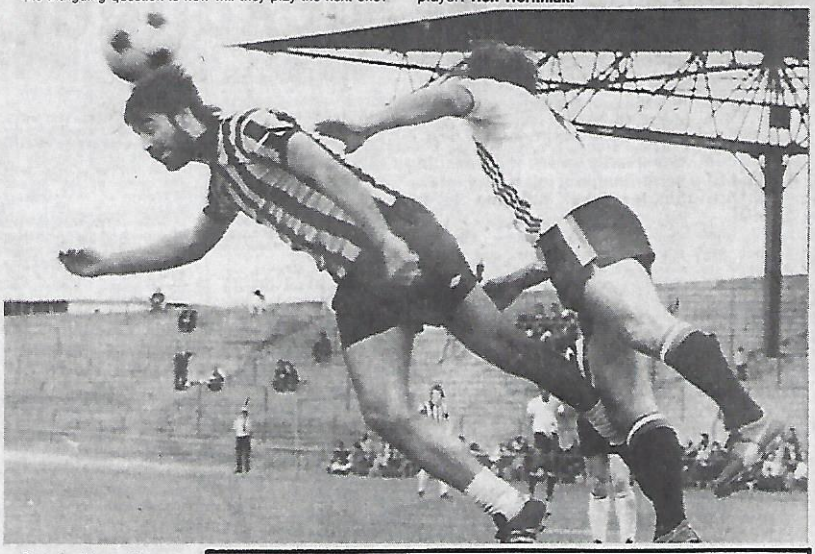
Most improved in the first team: **Peter Czapnik;**

Most improved in the reserves: **Ted Liplarski.**

Award of the "Polish Weekly" sports writers: **Tom Koter;**

Award of the "Polish Weekley" readers: **Andy Czapnik;**

Ladies' auxiliary award for the most gentlemanly player: **Ron Horfiniak.**



Juventus forward Claude Lucchesi heads goalwards in front of Billy Wilkinson. Picture! SAM BELFONTE

First Doveton, now Rovers

The clash between First Division champions Albion Rovers and Waverley City, conqueror of Doveton, highlights the next round of the Winfield cup.

The draw, with likely winners in capitals, is KEILOR AUSTRIA v Park Rangers, ALBION ROVERS v Waverley City, Collingwood City v KNOX CITY, Melbourne v BOX HILL.

Second Round Results. Keilor City 0 Box Hill 1, Park Rangers 2 Morwell Falcons 1, Dandenong City 1 Melbourne 2, Footscray 3 Keilor Austria 4, St. Albans 1 Albion Rovers 8, Waverley City 3 Doveton 1, Ferntree Gully 0 Collingwood C 2, Doncaster R 1 Knox City 2.

WAVERLEY 3 (Humble 25, Loh 32, Stogiannou 80), DOVETON 1

WAVERLEY: Morton, Marrone, Cleveland, Humble, Sharp, Cooper, Katz, Stogiannou (sub Smith), Whitehurst, Loh, Stocker.

DOVETON: Reiss, Wilson G., Wilson J., Bonner (sub Hill, M.), Roderick, Shanks, Spalding, Murray (sub Coutts) Sweeney, McMinimee.

Waverley, with a youthful side (only four of whom were more than 20 years old) was too good for a jaded Doveton on Saturday.

Doveton opened with an attacking flurry and it took Waverley some 20 minutes to get into stride.

Its first goal came as a result of bad marking at a corner. As the ball came over, the Doveton defenders stood flat-footed and **Ian Humble** had a free header to score as he pleased.

Waverley's superiority pronounced and seven minutes later it went further ahead.

Peter Whitehurst took a run down the right and crossed a ball that all the defenders missed.

Young **Robert Stocker** missed it too, but **Michael Loh,** by the far post, didn't and that was goal number two.

Doveton's fading hopes were revived somewhat as the half drew to a close, as **Ian Humble,** coming casually out of his penalty area was dispossessed by **Brian Roderick** who went on to walk the ball past **Morgan.**

Early in the second half **Sam Murray** missed an open goal for Doveton when for once the Waverley defence got in a tangle but **Stogiannou** made the issue safe with 10 minutes left.

PARK RANGERS 2 MORWELL

Scorers Park Rangers, Robertson 41 min. Scott 87min. Morwell, McFarlane 68 min.

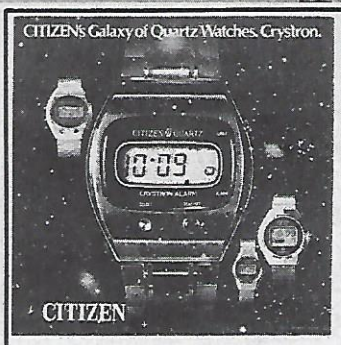
Park Rangers team, Visillou, Newton, McCormack, West, Clemie, Tierney, Allen, White, Robertson, Scott, Hill, Res, Murnley, Ruecroft.

Park Rangers best and fairest count was held at Shuggies Bistro.

Bill Ashton, Rangers centre-forward, won the senior team count with 87 votes, followed by **John Cleamie** 57 votes.

Jimmy Allen won the reserves best and fairest with 58 votes followed by **John Paterson** 50 votes and **Eric Byrne** 48 votes.

Park Rangers' involvement in Kew goes a step further next Tuesday night, October 11 when the Kew Sporting Bodies start their bingo at the



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ZIKA NIKOLIC

Sasvim zasluzeno, iako prilicno neocekivano, u finale Dockerty Cupa su usli juventus i Essendon-Lions. JUVENTUS je imao jaceg i opasnijeg protivnika, sto ne znaci da je favorit u finalu. Naprotiv, Essendon/Lions ima vece iskustvo u kup takmicenjima, a i navijaci ce biti vazan factor.

Essenon/Lions je vrlo lako i ubedijibo pobedio Makedoniju u polufinalu sa 3:0 (2:0). Strelci: Kerr, McMillan i Davidson. Iako je na papiru bila favorit, Makedonija je celo vreme igrala podredjenu ulogu. U sredini nije bilo nikoga da poveze igru, a navala je bila mlitava i nepokretna. Take je sav teret utakmice pao na odbranu, koja se borila dokle je mogla.

U predigri je JUVENTUS savladao George Cross sa 1:0.

RUSMIR NADMUDRIO ZORAJU

Austria je na svom igralistu pobedila drugi tim JUST-a sa 4:3 (4:1) u drugom kolu Vinfield Kupa. "Plavi" su imali vise od igre, ali su zbog lose taktike Izgubili utakmicu. Protivu jakog vetra u prvom poluvremenu drugi tim JUST-a je igrao bez cistaca i pojacane odbrane, take da je vodja navale Austrije Ljuba Stojanovic bio uvek nepokriven, pa nije cudo sto je postigao cetiri gola, skoro vise nego u celoj sezoni. Da ga je stalno pratila sreca, kao u dva tri slucajeva na ovoj utakmici, mogao je postici jos dva gola.

JUST-ove sanse su bile izradjene i zrelije, ali je Austrija igrala bunker sistem u drugom poluvremenu, a Zoraju su drzali dva tri igraca, pa su se njegovi snazni udarci uvek odbijali od tela igraca.

U drugom poluvremenu je samo sreca pomogla Austriji da sacuva pobedu. Igraci su popustili pred kraj, jer su uoci utakmice slavili dvadesetogodisnjicu kluba.

Sastav JUST-a: Stefanides (Amici), Grbac, Karic, Dimovski, Zoraja, Mikulcic, Talevski, Hatvany, Ristic (Kalmar), Petrevski, Atanasovski.

Strelci: Talevski, Petrevski i Mikulcic za JUST, a Ljuba Stojanovic 4 za Austriju.

Drugi tim JUST-a treba da odigra jos jednu prijateljsku utakmicu protivu Taraxa. U pitanju je opklada izmedju predsednika JUST-a i menadzera drugog tima.

Iduce nedelje TARAX igra trening utakmicu protivu reprezentacije Industrijske Lige. Igraliste jos nije odredjeno, zato slusajte sportske vesti na etnickoj radio-stanici u sredu uvece i cetvrtak izjutra.

DIAMONDS SAMPION VODONGE I ALBURIJA

U velikom finalu Albury-Wodonga podrucja, Jugoslevenski nogometni klub DIAMONDS je pregazio MITLEFORD sa 4:1. "Crveno-beli" su nametnuli igru kratkih pasova, pa je protivnik ostao nesredjen i nepovezan do kraja utakmice, koju je posmatralo oko 2000 gledalaca.

Da bi igrao na ovoj vaznoj utakmici, desni bek Diamondsa Negero je skratio godisnji odmor u Spanlji, odakle je dosao u Australiju pre vise godina.

Sastav Diamonds: B. Kitic, Negero, I. Angleski, Z. Farkas, M. Dzajic, S. Savolini, L. Lester, F. Modlic, M. Savolini, D. Stuhli, V. Pantelic.

Strelci: Darko Stuhli 3 i Mark Savolini za Diamonds.

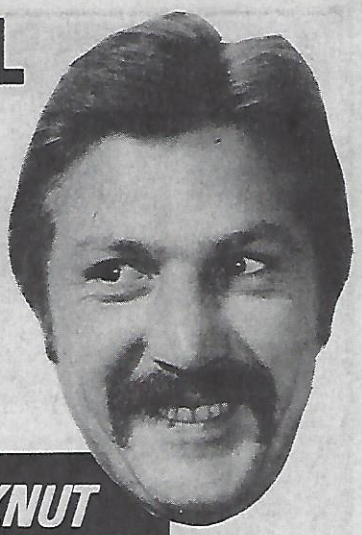
Najbolji igraci Diamondsa: Darko Stuhli, Milan, Dzajic i Mark Savolini.

Utakmica je bila vrlo fer i na sportskoj visini. Sudija je odlicno obavio svoj posao.

Sa osvajanjem ovog Kupa (veliko finale), Diamonds je napravio jedinstven podvig u ovom podrucju. Jedini je klub koji je u istoj sezoni osvojio sve trofeje (predsezonski kup, prevenstvo i veliko finale).

U subuto 22. oktobra, Diamonds priredjuje svecanu zabavu, na kojoj ce igracima biti podeljeni pehari za postignuti uspeh. Tradicionalno gostovanje JUST-a, koje Diamonds organizuje vec godinama, odrzace se po svojoj prilici u prvoj suboti i nedelji u novembru mesecu ove godine.

NEXT YOU'LL NEED AN INVITATION!



KNUT WERNER

The relationship between clubs and their spectators is a curious one.

In Sydney the most difficult aspect of this relationship for some clubs is in trying to get some relationship.

The spectator turn-out at various venues of these apparently helitosied clubs can be so slack that their coaches and club managers have been known to check their bus-tickets to ensure they have arrived on the right day.

We've even come across officials of both clubs bickering about which club the spectator belongs to.

At one stage I was even considering moving to Sydney on the speculation that eventually Western Suburbs would come across with a reasonable bribe.

Now on the other side of the planet, we have a club trying to divorce itself from its spectators.

Manchester united's board has voted not to accept any tickets for away games.

This is because Manchester united, a well known northern English team and mercenary training school, is in a spot of trouble over the enthusiasm of its followers-cum-looters.

The board hopes that the more sanguinary of their followers will get bored with a less direct method of getting tickets and thereby go elsewhere for their beatings.

And if, during the rest of the season, there are burnings at Somebody v Man. Utd, the board can claim innocence on the grounds that the perpetrators could not have possibly been from the United's Urban Guerilla-wing, because they didn't have tickets.

But with freedom of movement not being a crime in England the militants, with a reputation to uphold, can still get to the battle ground.

So the next step to follow, if Manchester's followers continue to follow Manchester, is not to publish Manchester's fixtures.

Now, if the marauders are still smart enough to figure out that United must be playing the only other team not mentioned, we must not mention anybody's fixtures. A sublime situation of spectators by invitation only.

Or we could even go one step further and steal an idea from a form of chess.

Consider the advantages of mental soccer — no costs, no violence, no standing in the rain, no exorbitant bar prices — only one phone call.

But the point here is that Manchester's dilemma shows us the vast difference there is between the European problems and ours.

Perhaps a Moroolbark could revolutionise the overseas guest syndrome and import some of United's spectators who have nowhere to go.

Or consider the problem of Holland's Ajax club which finds itself in trouble because its spectator reservoir is at a low ebb — a sparse 20,000.

Over here an Australian national team game has difficulty getting that crowd.

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If anyone had more trouble than usual understanding what my last effort was about, let me redeem some credibility with the explanation that somewhere between the office of "Soccer Action" and the printers lies lonely the other half of my story.

16 teams in Italian Cup

Sixteen teams will compete in the Italian Cup series which will start at 1 pm on Saturday, November 12.

The teams have been divided into four groups and all games will be played at Fawkner's ground in Duke Steet, Fawkner.

Organisers invite the Italian community to attend the games and support the series.

The winners of each group will play off in the finals.

This is the program:

Saturday 12.11.77: Nunawading - Fawkner, Vermont-Bulleen, E. Carlton-Triestina, C. Brunswick-Thomastown.

Sunday 13.11.77: Stradbroke-Bundoora, Regent-Croxton, Ascot U-Juventus, E. Brunswick-Kensington.

Saturday 19.11.77: Ascot U-Vermont, Thomastown-Kensington, Nunawading-Regent, Triestina-Bundoora.

Sunday 20.11.77: C. Brunswick-E. Brunswick, E. Carlton-Stradbroke, Juventus-Bulleen, Fawkner-Croxton.

Saturday 26.11.77: Triestina-Stradbroke, Bulleen-Ascot U, Kensington-C. Brunswick, Croxton-Nunawading.

Sunday 27.11.77: Bundoora-E. Carlton, Juventus-Vermont, E. Brunswick-Thomastown, Fawkner-Regent.

Rooney key man in defeat of Alexander

FITZROY-ALEXANDER 2 (Buljevic 10, Cole 62); MARCONI 3 (Mariani 26, Campbell 61, Sharne 88).

By LES SHORROCK

ALEXANDER: Blasby 5, McMillan 7, Provan 6, Tansey 5, O'Reilly 6, P. Bannon 5, Taylor 6, Campbell 6, Bozikas 7, Cole 6, Buljevic 7.

MARCONI: Maher 6, Robertson 6, Degney 6, Russell 6, Prskalo 6, Richards 7, Byrne 7, Campbell 6, Rooney 9, Mariani 6, Sharne 7.

Marconi deservedly won this exciting Philips Cup semi-final, but left it very late — until two minutes from full-time to be precise.

Until Peter Sharne's dramatic winner, the game seemed certain to go to extra time, and even to penalties.

Any other ending would have been an anti-climax though, for this game had everything a good Cup-tie should have — a brilliant goal, good individual performances, and an outstanding display from that pocket-sized dynamo **Jimmy Rooney.**

Jimmy, due to be crowned King of Soccer 1977 later the same day by the Australian Soccer Press Association, really turned it on for his 'home' town.

His was the most complete exhibition of the perfect midfielder you could expect to see, as he got through a mountain of work, fetching, carrying, probing and prompting.

Perhaps the most surprising part of Thursday's game was the way Rooney was allowed to run riot as he did.

Surely, as Alexander defended in depth, someone could have been spared to police him more closely. If anyone was supposed to be doing that, it wasn't successful.

Marconi started as if it was going to over-run Alexander and for the first 10 minutes penned the home side in its penalty box.

Then came a dramatic turn of events, as a long ball from **Bob Provan** found **Branko Buljevic** lurking on the right.

A quick glance at the linesman and he shot away from the extended Marconi defence, and into the Marconi box with **Ivo Prskalo** in hot pursuit.

As Prskalo closed on him, Buljevic deftly sidestepped him and thundered a left-foot shot low into the far corner of the net before Maher could move.

It was a goal in a thousand and would have demoralised a lesser team, but Marconi took it in its stride and carried on playing methodically.

Its equaliser came when a high ball eluded a hesitant Alexander defence and **Bertie Mariani** nipped in to prod the ball past **Peter Blasby** who was slow to come off his line.

Alexander counter-attacked rapidly and **Gary Cole** had the miss of the match when he shot wide from close range after a good run and cross by **Andy Bozikas.**

Only minutes later, Alexander was unlucky when Prskalo executed a 'professional' foul on **Gary Cole**, pulling the big striker back by the sleeve as he galloped past him into a certain scoring position.

Needless to say, nothing came of the resulting free kick and it seems that only a sending off or a penalty is the ultimate answer to this tactic.

So the teams came out for the second half with the game still evenly poised, despite Marconi's territorial superiority.

Once again, Marconi got very much on top and during one hectic spell, Alexander was happy to see **Arthur McMillan** clear off the line with Blasby beaten.

Then Marconi took the lead with a well-worked set-piece.

Ray Richards' long throwins had posed a problem several times, and on this occasion, despite close attention from Bozikas, he dropped one on the penalty-spot and once again, the Alexander defence was slow to react.

Nobody, it seemed, moved as **Ernie Campbell** darted in and scored, with Blasby again rooted to the spot.

That's it, everyone thought, bearing in mind Marconi's overall pressure — but not a bit of it.

Only 30 seconds later Alexander was on terms again.

Jim Campbell dashed away down the left and his high cross into the box caught the relaxed Marconi defenders in two minds. Someone belatedly tried to head clear, miscued and **Gary Cole** was on hand to gleefully snap up the rebound and slip it just inside the post.

In the next 20 minutes Marconi attacked furiously and attained such domination that **Alan Maher's** only touch of the ball was from a pass back.

But the Alexander defence survived until the closing minutes when **Ernie Campbell's** close range header was brilliantly palmed out by Blasby, but straight to **Peter Sharne,** who made no mistake.

After the game I spoke to an elated **Rale Rasic** who said. 'We were the better team all day, and they created only two chances and scored from both of them'.

'No,' he added, 'only one and a half chances. Only a world-class forward could have scored the goal that Buljo scored.'

Are you listening, **Jimmy**

Slavia trip

Slavia will travel to Morwell for two games against Morwell Falcons on Sunday.

The reserves start at 1 pm and the first at 3 pm.

Games are at Ronald Reserve.

Ousted nations return

The suspension imposed by FIFA on the Federation Malagasy de Football, Tananarive, Madagascar, and the Papua-New Guinea Football Association, Konedobu, for non-payment of the 1977 annual subscription fee have been lifted.

These Associations regain all rights possessed before the suspension.

Royal Park aiming high

Having won last year's District League Cup final and captured the cup, Royal Park was expected by many rival 'enemies' to go back into the doldrums. It was said that luck had a lot to do with Royal Park's success.

However, Royal Park proved everybody wrong this year by winning the First Division championship by five points. The Reserve side also finished top of the league.

Now Royal Park has set out to win the District League Cup for the second time in succession.

At the start of the season, the club acquired the services of an experienced coach, **Mr Zeybek**, who played first grade football in Turkey.

He injected more and more courage and discipline into the team and with so much talent and skill around him, he was able to pick and choose the best.

The presdient, **Mr Romans Napolar**, who is currently in Cyprus, has mentioned in a letter that Royal Park is invited to play exhibition matches in Cyprus sometime after the Cup final.

Obviously Royal Park is out to prove it will be a force to be reckoned with in the Provisional League next season.

The club has clubroom at 394 Victoria Street, Richmond and the committee is negotiating to lease an enclosed ground in Church Street, Richmond for next year.

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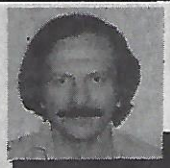

PETER GEORGIOU
of the 'Hellenic Herald'

Ἡ φεεινή ποδοσφαιρική περίοδος θά πρέπει νά χαρακτηριστεί σάν τήν συντομώτερη στά χρονικά τῆς Αὐστραλίας.

Ἀκόμη δέν ἔχουμε μπεῖ γιά καλά μέσα στόν Ὀκτώβριο καί τό ποδόσφαιρο γιά τήν ἐθνική κατηγορία τέλος.

Φυσικά γιά τούς ἀθεράπευτους ὑπάρχει ἀκόμη τό Ντόκερτυ Κάπ στήν Μελβούρνη μεταξύ τῶν ὁμάδων τοῦ Στέπτ Λήγκ τό ὁποῖο γιά τήν ἱστορία θά διεξαχθῆ τήν ἐπόμενη Κυριακή ἀλλά ὅλες οἱ διοργανώσεις τῆς Ἐθνικῆς κατηγορίας ἔχουν τελειώσει μέ πρωταθλήτρια τήν Χακόα καί Κυπελλοῦχο τήν Μπρίσμπαν Σίτυ.

Ὁπωσδήποτε ὁ χρόνος τῆς διεξαγωγῆς καί τῶν δύο ὀργανώσεων εἶναι κατά πολύ μικρότερος ἀπό ὅ,τι ἔχουμε συνηθίσει στό παρελθόν στό Στέπτ Λήγκ.

Φυσικά ὁ ἀριθμός τῶν ὁμάδων τῆς Ἐθνικῆς κατηγορίας εἶναι σχετικά μικρός ἐνῶ γιά τό κύπελλο Αὐστραλίας συμμετεῖχαν μόνον οἱ ὁμάδες πού ἦταν μέρος στήν ἐθνική κατηγορία καί μέ τό σύστημα «νόκ ἄουτ» πού ἀπαιτεῖται σέ τέτοιες περιπτώσεις, μέ τούς δύο ἀγῶνες τήν ἑβδομάδα γιά νά λήξει μιά ὥρα νωρίτερα φθάσαμε στό σημεῖο νά τελειώσουμε ὅλες μας τίς διοργανώσεις ἕξη μῆνες πρίν ἀπό τήν πιθανή ἔναρξη τοῦ ἑπόμενου πρωταθλήματος.

Ἀκόμα καί τό πρόγραμμα τῆς τηλεοράσεως τελείωσε πρίν τήν ὥρα τοῦ ἀγνοώντας τούς ἀγῶνες Κυπέλλου Αὐστραλίας πού εἶχαν τήν ἴδια σημασία γιά τούς φιλάθλους ὅσο καί τό πρωτάθλημα.

Καί τώρα; Μετά τή ἀπονομή τῶν ἐπάθλων στήν πρωταθλήτρια Χακόα, τήν κυπελλοῦχο Μπρίσμπαν Σίτυ, στόν καλύτερο ποδοσφαιριστή Τζίμμυ Ρούνυ στόν καλύτερο κάοτω τῶν 21 καί κτπ Τζών Κοσμίνα καί τόν καλύτερο προπονητή Ρ. Ράσικ, ἄδειασε ποδοσφαιρικά ἡ Αὐστραλία.

Οἱ συστάσεις γιά τήν συνέχεια τοῦ πανηγυριοῦ εἶχαν βέβαια γίνει ἀπό τήν ἀρχή μέ τήν ἐπιθυμία τῶν διοργανωτῶν νά παίχθεῖ τό ποδόσφαιρο σέ στύλ Αὐστραλέζικου Φούτμπωλ μέ «φάινολ» τῶν τεσσάρων. Τίποτε δέν ἔγινε —εὐτυχῶς— ἀπό αὐτή τήν πλευρά ἀν καί ὡριαμένοι πρόεδροι ὁμωματείων ἤθελαν πάρα πολύ νά παίξουν γιά νά δοῦν λίγα ἀκόμη δολλάρια στά ταμεῖα τους.

Ἔτσι λοιπόν φθάνουμε καί πάλι στό ἴδιο πόρισμα πού εἴχαμε φθάσει πρίν ἀκόμα ἀρχίσει τό πρωτάθλημα. Κακή διοργάνωση μέ τό μόνο ἐλαφρυντικό ὅτι ἦταν ἡ πρώτη φορά καί κάθε ἀρχή εἶναι καί δύσκολη ἀν καί ὅλοι ξέρουμε ὅτι ἡ καλή ἀρχή εἶναι τό ἥμισυ τοῦ παντός.

Στούς ἕξη μῆνες πού θά περάσουν μέχρι ν' ἀρχίσει τό ἑπόμενο πρωτάθλημα οἱ ὁμάδες θά ἔχουν καιρό πάνω ἀπό ἀρκετό γιά νά προετοιμαστοῦν οἱ ἰθύνοντες μέ ἕνα πρόγραμμα καλύτερο καί φυσικά πληρέστερο ἀπ' ὅτι τοῦ πρώτου πρωταθλήματος.

Οἱ δεκατέσσερις ὁμάδες κατ' ἀρχήν δέν εἶναι ἀρκετές γιά ἐθνικό πρωτάθλημα. Χρειάζονται ὁπωσδήποτε ἄλλες δύο, ἐνῶ δέν χρειάζεται τό «πρωτάθλημα» τῶν τεσσάρων πρώτων ὅταν ὑπάρχει κύπελλο μέ δεκαέξη ὁμάδες καί παίζεται ἀπό τούς προημιτελικούς τουλάχιστον κάθε ἑβδομάδα καί ὄχι τρεῖς φορές τήν ἑβδομάδα ὅαν φάρμακο σέ ἄρρωστο ποδοσφαιρόφιλο.

Ὑπάρχουν ὁμάδες ἀπ' ὅλη τήν Αὐστραλία πού θέλουν νά πάρουν μέρος στό πρωτάθλημα καί δέν χρειάζεται νά γίνει μονοπώλειο μιᾶς μόνο πολιτείας.

Ὑπάρχουν βέβαια δυσκολίες συμμεοχῆς στό πρωτάθλημα γιά ὁμάδες τῆς Δ. Αὐστραλίας π.χ. ἀλλά εἶναι βέβαιο ὅτι ὑπάρχει μιά λύση γιά τό πρόβλημα.

Πέρυσι εἴχαμε τό πρόβλημα πληθώρας ἀγώνων μέ διοργανώσεις πού δέν ἦταν καί τόσο ἀπαραίτητες στό Στέπτ Λήγκ καί ἡ ποδοσφαιρική περίοδος εἶχε φθάσει τίς 44 ἑβδομάδες.

Φυσικά δέν χρειάζεται κάτι τέτοιο στήν ἐθνική κατηγορία ἀλλά ὁπωσδήποτε ἕξη μῆνες μεταξύ πρωταθλημάτων καί τῶν λοιπῶν διοργανώσεων εἶναι μεγάλο χρονικό διστημα τόσο γιά τούς συλλόγους ὅσο καί γιά τούς φιλάθλους.

Εἴπαμε ὅμως προηγουμένως ὅτι οἱ ἕξη μῆνες εἶναι ἐπίσης ἀρκετός καιρός προετοιμασίας τῶν διοργανωτῶν τῆς ἐθνικῆς κατηγορίας.

Ἴσως τούς δοθεῖ λοιπόν αὐτό τό χρονικό διάστημα γιά νά φτιάξουν κατι καλύτερο στήν ἐπόμενη ποδοσφαιρική περίοδο.

Vrzina's aces turn trumps in Bendigo

By GEORGE YELLAND

Bendigo and District XI 1 Industrial League XI 4 at Bendigo.

BENDIGO & DIST: B. Kenworth, C. Ibbeson, B. Skvarc, M. Evans, J. Van Emmerik, A. Rowe, T. Longano, M. Aitken, B. Evans, M. Hogan, M. Morgan, P. Terry, W. Kibble, A. Christou, G. Warren, G. Boyle.
INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE: M. Tsivoglou, S. Power, R. Harris, F. McColan, J. Mori, R. Petelinek, C. Skorsis, M. Pena, G. Skorsis, H. McMeechan, W. Ovcar, J. Keenan, I. Johnson, K. Thompson, D. Kurjan.

Soccer history was written in Bendigo last Saturday when the first ever Industrial League representative team met the Bendigo and District select eleven.

In only four weeks, brilliant coach **Tony Vrzina** has whipped up an ISLV side that did credit to this go-ahead league.

For the record, the Melbourne based Industrial League won 4-1.

But really it was just another victory for soccer.

The hospitality of the Bendigo and district soccer league was tremendous, culminating in a barbecue feast after the game.

Both sides were below strength.

Semi-finals on Sunday, robbed the home side of a number of skilful and experienced players.

Late withdrawals of a number of McColl players caused Tony Vrzina to completely re-organise his side.

Both teams put on a terrific show in brilliant sunshine, with the temperature in the mid-twenties.

The Bendigo boys appeared fitter-overall but ISLV countered this with skill and experience.

Manny Tsivoglou was catlike in goal for the Industrial League.

The speed, skill and "never-say-die" attitude of the **Skorsis** brothers **Chris** and **George**, were a relevation.

Evergreen **Hammy McMee-chan** showed class in every move he made. His pinpoint passes were a feature of the game.

Newcomer to Australia, **Miguel Pena**, is a star in the making. The cool way he picked his spot when scoring the second and third goals was ample evidence of above-average ability.

Steve Power and **Roger Harris** are strong-tackling, no nonsense defenders.

Joe Keenan

With **Frank McColan, Joe Mori** and **Roman Petelinek** working hard to control midfield, **Willie Ovcar** made several dashing runs down the left wing, which always spelled danger.

In the second half, both teams made a number of changes to give the reserves a run.

Ian Johnson and **Keith Thompson** took full charge of midfield when Bendigo's fitness began to tell.

Another evergreen player, **Joe Keenan,** came on and combined brilliantly with **McMeechan.**

Drago Kurjan replaced **Tsivoglou** in the second half and although beaten once, made a number of well judged saves.

The Bendigo boys ran themselves into the ground and never gave in.

Clive Ibbeson was outstanding in defence, with **Mick Evans** and **Alec Rowe** controlling midfield for long periods.

Tony Longano, a strong and clever attacker, often caused panic in the visitors' defence.

He scored a fine goal immediately after half-time.

Mark Aitken and **Michael Hogan** gave him great support.

ISLV took the lead in less than 30 seconds with a dramatic goal.

Chris Skorsis raced away down the right wing and crossed an angled ball for brother **George,** who was perfectly placed.

A desperate lunge by **John van Emmerik** thwarted **George Skorsis** but the tall defender deflected the ball past is own keeper.

This early reverse unsettled the home side, but keeper **Brendan Kenworthy** came back to make some good saves. Van Emmerik was a commanding figure in Bendigo's defence and midfield.

Great efforts by **Chris Skorsis** in the 15th and 27th minutes led to fine goals by **Miguel Pena** and gave the visitors a commanding 3-0 lead at the interval.

ISLV were brought back to earth when Bendigo reduced the arrears in the first minute of the second half.

The game developed into a terrific tussle with the home side putting on plenty of pressure.

Desparate defence, coupled with soccer experience and the crafty hand of coach **Vrzina** helped the visitors to withstand many attacks. Late in the game a perfectly placed McMeechan corner flashed into the net via the head of **Joe Keenan.**

It was an encouraging start for the ISLV and everyone there agreed that it had been a great day.

Secretary **Ron Darlington** and his hard working wife **Molly** were there to ensure everything possible was done from the ISLV angle.

A return fixture, possibly in early November is eagerly hoped for by both Leagues.

World round-up

Charlton's back, Best signs up

LONDON — Former England great Jackie Charlton has set about the third major challenge in his football career this week, as manager of Third Division Sheffield Wednesday.

Charlton, who achieved World Cup success while playing for Leeds before steering Middlesbrough back to First Division football, accepted the new challenge on Saturday night in succession to Len Ashurst, sacked last Thursday.

Charlton, who rates Sheffield Wednesday as a First Division club, was quick to warn that a lot of work needed doing and that those involved might not at first like what they saw.

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LONDON, — George Best has signed a four-year contract with English Second Division Fulham, according to club chairman Ernie Clay.

The deal had been ratified by the English Football League, Clay said, adding: "It means that George is a Fulham player until 1981. It should end all doubts about his future with us."

The controversial Irish star has been the subject of a dispute between Fulham and the American club the Los Angeles Aztecs.

Aztecs chairman **John Chaffetz** claims that Fulham owes his club money for games Best missed at the beginning of the American season.

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LONDON — Liverpool goalkeeper Ray Clemence is a doubtful starter for England's vital World Cup qualifying match against Luxembourg today (Wednesday).

Clemence, who has an injured right wrist, is the only worry for manager **Ron Greenwood,** who otherwise gives a clean bill of health to the 22-strong squad.

Clemence was injured when dealing with a deflected shot from Chelsea's **Ray Wilkins** Liverpool's 2-0 victory at Anfield at the weekend.

If Clemence is unfit, **Peter Shilton,** who has played in only three of the last 33 internationals is the obvious replacement.

Greenwood makes his plans for a match — which England must win by a large margin to retain any hope of qualifying for the finals next year — with his imagination fired by watching the game between West Germany and England's World Cup rival Italy.

"They allowed each other to play and there was no question of just trying to stop an opponent. In comparison the whole of English football is so sour," he said.

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LONDON—Bruce Rioch is doubtful for Scotland's World Cup tie against Wales at Liverpool today (Wednesday).

The Everton midfield player has a calf strain.

Commenting on Latchford's four goals against QPR at the weekend club manager Gordon Lee said: "When he is playing like this he is the best big centre forward in the country. He has scored six in eight days now, and that is good in anybody's book;"

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NEW YORK, — The visiting Chinese team kept its unbeaten record on its United States tour by drawing 1-1 with North American league champion, Cosmos, here.

Both goals came in the second-half.

The New York side's Italian striker **Chinaglia** put his team into the lead in the 52nd minute but **Shen Hsiang-Fu** equalised five minutes later.

It was the second match of the tour for the Chinese who drew 1-1 with a United States selection last Thursday.

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LONDON, — Norwich manager John Bond is hoping to tempt international striker Martin Chivers back to England — and the key figure in his plans is Chivers' ex-Spurs team-mate **Martin Peters.**

According to Peters, who has been one of the striker's closest friends for many years, Chivers is keen to return to British soccer after spending nearly two years with Swiss club Servette.

"Martin Peters will be going over to Switzerland to watch Chivers play and we hope that he may be able to persuade him to join Norwich," said Bond.

"Chivers has just the sort of experience we are looking for at the club, even though it is true that at 32, he would only be a very short term prospect should he decide to come here."

Chivers won 24 caps for England before moving abroad.

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LONDON, — Colin Murphy, sacked by Derby County two weeks ago, has been appointed assistant manager at Notts County.

Ron Fenton, who was replaced as County manager by **Jimmy Sirrel** last Thursday, rejected the assistant manager's position.

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LONDON, — Defender Keith Osgood, carried off in the first half of Tottenham's 5-1 win over Oldham, has damaged tendons in his right ankle and could be out of soccer until next year.

Striker **John Duncan,** who failed to re-appear for the second half, had a recurrence of calf trouble.

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SEREMBAN, Malaysia, — The West Australian women's team beat Negeri Sembilan State 4-0 in a friendly match at the Station Padang here.

Half time score was 3-0.

The Australians won through goals by **Sandra Brentall** in the second minute, **Judy Pettitt** in the 14th minute and **Jacinter Rosebury** in the 26th minute, and their fourth goal came in the 50th minute from Jill Sison.

The West Australian team played an attacking game and the Negeri side could make little headway against a tight defence.

United 2-0

PLYMOUTH — Manchester United beat St Etienne of France 2-0 in their delayed European Cup Winners' Cup match here and qualified to play Porto (Portugal) in the second round. There was no disorder in the 31,634 crowd.

UEFA had ordered United to play the second leg at least 200 km away from home after crowd violence at the first leg in France.

Stuart Pearson put the English club ahead in the 33rd minute.

Midway through the second half **Steve Coppell** made it 2-0.

A NEW PATTERSON!

The name Patterson is back in the Box Hill senior team line-up, after an absence of 16 years.

Kyle Patterson, son of former Box Hill, Juventus and Makedonia player, **Wally Patterson,** is now a regular first team player.

Kyle, 17, has played with Box Hill since he was eight.

His brother **Scott,** plays for the club's under 16s.

Two other team mates of Wally Patterson's from the fifties, **Tom White** and **Ian McLeod,** have sons headed for the senior side. **Craig White** is a reserve player and the McLeod boys are making their marks in junior sides.

These are just a few of the boys who are following in their fathers' footsteps by playing for Box Hill. The club is confident that the talent in makings of a good team — home grown at that. Box Hill is one of the oldest clubs in the State.

The club has an enthustiastic team of fathers which takes on all comers and prominent in the side are the names **White** and **Patterson,** now in their forties but still thoroughly enjoying the game of soccer.

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DOCKERTY CUP

SEMI FINALS: Juventus v George Cross 1-0; Preston v Essendon Lions 0-3.

WINFIELD CUP

Keilor City v Box Hill 0-1; Park Rangers v Morwell Falcons 2-1; Dandenong v Melbourne 1-2; JUST v Austria 3-4; St. Albans v Albion 1-8; Waverley v Doveton 3-1; Ferntree Gully v Collingwood 0-2; Doncaster v Knox City 1-2.

Harry Armstrong (Reserves) Cup Semi-Finals: Hakoah St. Kilda v Albion (0-0) AFT — Hakoah won on penalties 4-3; Sunshine v Essendon Lions 1-3.

STATE LEAGUE RES

Postponed League Games: Juventus Res. v Polonia Res. 2-6; Prahran Slavia Res. v George Cross Res 5-1; Sunshine City Res v Green Gully Res 5-0.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE RES.

Hotham Utd Res. v Geelong Res. 0-2.

District League Cup: Berwick v Gladstone Park 3-2; Diamond Creek v East Carlton 0-4; Thornbury v Nunawading 2-0; Rosanna v Balaclava 1-2.

District League Reserve Cup: Royal Park v Cheltenham 2-3; North Sunshine v Nunawading 6-1; Rosanna v Mitcham 2-1; Gladstone Park v Noble Park 4-5.

District League postponed game: Regent v Hampton 2-1, 5-1.

THIRDS COMPETITION

Hakoah 'A' v Hakoah 'B' 7-1.

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
George Cross	22	14	6	2	48	16	34
Slavia	22	10	7	5	33	27	27
Juventus	22	9	8	5	31	20	26
Altona	22	7	11	4	30	24	25
Frankston	22	10	5	7	30	32	25
Sunshine	22	9	6	7	38	33	24
Ess. Lions	22	8	4	10	28	24	20
Ringwood	22	8	4	10	24	37	20
Hakoah	22	4	11	7	16	20	19
Makedonia	22	5	9	8	23	30	19
Green Gully	22	3	11	8	23	35	17
Polonia	22	2	4	16	21	47	8

RESERVES

Sunshine	22	13	5	4	35	20	31
Juventus	22	12	4	6	31	22	28
Slavia	22	9	9	4	29	16	27
George Cross	22	10	6	6	36	27	26
Ess. Lions	22	7	11	4	31	15	25
Hakoah	22	5	13	4	15	14	23
Polonia	22	7	8	7	27	25	22
Green Gully	22	5	10	7	17	29	20
Altona	22	6	7	9	22	27	19
Frankston	22	7	5	10	24	30	19
Makedonia	22	4	8	10	14	25	16
Ringwood	22	2	4	16	15	46	8

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

DIVISION I

Albion	22	17	1	4	61	24	35
Croydon	22	14	4	4	43	18	32
Ardeer	22	11	5	6	34	16	27
Box Hill	22	11	5	6	46	26	27
Austria	22	10	5	7	37	22	25
Dandenong	22	8	6	8	40	32	22
Waverley	22	9	4	9	25	27	22
Springvale	22	8	4	10	30	31	20
Keilor	22	7	6	9	30	39	20
Western Subs	22	7	4	11	24	41	18
Melbourne	22	4	4	14	26	56	12
St Albans	22	1	2	19	16	80	4

RESERVES

Croydon	22	16	5	1	55	17	37
Albion	22	12	6	4	47	21	30
Western Subs	22	11	4	7	40	27	26
Keilor	22	10	5	7	32	27	25
Box Hill	22	10	5	7	34	29	25
Dandenong	22	9	5	8	24	29	23
Ardeer	22	6	8	8	22	28	20
Springvale	22	8	4	10	29	38	20
Waverley	22	6	5	11	24	38	17
Austria	22	6	5	11	20	35	17
Melbourne	22	4	6	12	27	38	14
St Albans	22	3	4	15	15	42	10

DIVISION II

Doveton	22	16	4	2	58	13	36
Collingwood	22	13	3	6	50	30	29
Richmond	22	10	6	6	34	28	26
Eltham	22	9	7	6	37	29	25
Alexander	22	8	7	7	32	30	23
Ferntree Gully	22	8	6	8	29	31	22
Bell Park	22	6	8	8	34	45	20
Brighton	22	8	3	11	34	44	19
J.U.S.T.	22	6	6	10	29	43	18
Moreland	22	5	8	9	28	43	18
Mooroolbark	22	5	5	12	32	43	15
Hellas	22	4	5	13	24	42	13

RESERVES

Doveton	22	17	3	2	71	17	37
Brighton	22	14	2	6	64	42	30
Moreland	22	13	3	6	46	34	29
Alexander	22	11	6	5	45	31	28
Eltham	22	11	4	7	47	32	26
Bell Park	22	9	5	8	41	43	23
Hellas	22	9	4	9	36	35	22
Ferntree Gully	22	7	5	10	30	35	19
Collingwood	22	6	4	12	29	53	16
Mooroolbark	22	6	2	14	31	43	14
Richmond	22	3	8	11	33	48	14
J.U.S.T	22	0	6	16	13	73	6

DIVISION III

Knox	22	14	4	4	51	23	32
Pt Melb	22	13	5	4	44	23	31
Chelsea	22	13	5	4	44	24	31
Prahran	22	10	6	6	44	33	26
Heidelberg	22	7	9	6	30	28	23
Essendon	22	6	7	9	27	37	19
Moorabbin	22	5	9	8	29	46	19
B'meadows	22	7	4	11	26	37	18
Yallourn	22	5	7	10	42	45	17
Coburg	22	7	3	12	23	39	17
Park Rangers	22	6	4	12	26	32	16
Ringwood	22	4	7	11	27	46	15

RESERVES

Knox	22	18	2	2	83	26	35
Prahran	22	13	6	3	55	27	32
Pt Melb	22	12	5	5	44	30	29
B'meadows	22	10	8	4	36	24	28
Moorabbin	22	8	9	5	41	34	25
Coburg	22	9	4	9	29	30	22
Ringwood	22	7	7	8	25	31	20
Essendon	22	7	5	10	40	48	18
Chelsea	22	6	6	10	22	27	18
Heidelberg	22	6	2	14	31	49	14
Yallourn	22	3	7	12	34	61	13
Park Rangers	22	1	3	18	14	67	5

DIVISION IV

Doncaster	22	18	3	1	59	20	39
Morwell	22	17	0	5	67	22	34
Sandringham	22	14	2	6	52	33	30
Clayton	22	9	6	7	41	35	24
Corio	22	8	5	9	29	30	21
Caulfield	22	6	8	8	35	37	20
South Yarra	22	8	4	10	30	41	20
Monash Uni	22	8	2	12	35	46	18
Mornington	22	8	2	12	27	42	18
Uni of Melb	22	6	4	12	24	49	16
Rosebud	22	4	6	12	33	54	14
Ballarat	22	4	2	16	26	49	10

RESERVES

Doncaster	22	17	1	4	61	20	35
Morwell	22	14	3	5	54	21	31
Sandringham	22	11	4	7	38	30	26
Monash Uni	22	9	6	7	32	40	24
Ballarat	22	9	5	8	39	29	23
Mornington	22	9	5	8	31	37	23
Uni of Melb	22	8	6	8	38	39	22
Clayton	22	10	2	10	34	37	22
Corio	22	8	4	10	38	46	20
Caulfield	22	4	9	9	20	34	17
South Yarra	22	3	6	13	26	51	12
Rosebud	22	3	3	16	23	50	9

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

DIVISION I

Werribee	22	15	5	2	62	30	35
Fawkner	22	14	5	3	66	31	33
Geelong	22	12	5	5	66	31	29
Frankston	22	11	4	7	54	32	26
G'borough	22	11	2	9	39	30	24
Hotham	22	11	1	10	49	66	23
Nunawading	22	8	6	8	41	40	22
Williamstown	22	8	5	9	38	43	21
Langwarrin	22	7	3	12	41	55	17
Hamlyn	22	7	2	13	33	46	16
Sth Dande	22	4	2	16	39	102	10
Central Altona	22	2	4	16	35	57	8

RESERVES

Geelong	22	14	6	2	57	18	34
Frankston	22	14	4	4	57	29	32
Nunawading	22	12	5	5	51	23	29
Werribee	22	12	5	5	67	31	29
G'borough	22	9	8	5	44	35	26
Fawkner	22	8	9	5	47	37	25
Langwarrin	22	9	6	7	49	37	24
Central Altona	22	7	5	10	33	53	19
Hamlyn	22	6	6	10	42	61	18
Hotham	22	5	4	13	29	59	14
Williamstown	22	3	3	16	31	63	9
Sth Dande	22	1	3	18	11	72	5

DIVISION II

Nth Dande	22	15	6	1	49	25	36
Keysborough	22	16	3	3	47	21	35
Thomastown	22	13	5	4	48	20	31
Sunbury	22	11	2	9	46	30	24
Hawthorn	22	8	5	9	32	34	21
Melton	22	8	4	10	44	34	20
Karingal	22	8	4	10	37	36	20
E. Brunswick	22	7	6	9	23	31	20
Carlton	22	6	6	10	37	48	18
Bulleen	22	3	9	10	24	38	15
Burnley	22	5	3	14	25	51	13
West Melb	22	4	3	15	24	68	11

RESERVES

Sunbury	22	16	2	4	73	21	34
Nth Dande	22	14	5	3	50	16	33
Karingal	22	13	5	4	60	26	31
Melton	22	12	2	8	56	37	26
Carlton	22	10	6	6	50	47	26
Hawthorn	22	10	4	8	44	37	24
Keysborough	22	8	6	8	51	29	22
Thomastown	22	6	7	9	29	46	19
Bulleen	22	7	3	12	34	41	17
E. Brunswick	22	4	5	13	29	60	13
Burnley	22	3	5	14	35	74	11
West Melb	22	2	2	18	14	91	6

Final records for season 1977: 5 a side competition winners Green Gully, runner up Greensborough.

LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP: Winners Greensborough, runner up Dandenong.

V.W.S.A. CUP COMPETITION: Winners Dandenong, runner up Green Gully.

V.W.S.A. SHIELD COMPETITION: Winners Greensborough, runner up Green Gully.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS: 1ST DIVISION: Greensborough, R.U. Dandenong. 2nd DIVISION: Waverley R.U. Springvale.

TABLE STANDING

1ST DIVISION

G'borough	12	10	2	0	68	5	22
Dandenong	12	7	1	4	20	16	15
Melton	12	7	1	4	17	19	15
Green Gully	12	5	2	5	22	23	12
United	12	3	1	8	24	21	7
B'meadows	12	3	1	8	6	33	7
Doveton	12	2	2	8	15	55	6

2ND DIVISION

Waverley	10	8	1	1	36	7	17
Springvale	10	7	0	3	32	10	14
Werribee	10	5	2	3	20	8	12
Footscray YMCA	10	5	1	4	19	13	11
Knox City	10	3	0	7	15	27	6
R.M.I.T	10	0	0	10	1	57	0

TASMANIA

FINAL STANDING

WINFIELD LEAGUE

DIV 1

White Eagles	12	2	4	48	15	28
Croatia	10	3	5	46	22	25
Rapid	10	4	4	55	33	24
Olympia	11	5	2	44	31	24
Metro	8	6	4	44	34	20
Juventus	6	4	8	35	32	20
Caledonians	5	7	6	35	43	16
South Hobart	2	10	6	21	48	10
Dnipro	3	12	3	16	46	9
University	1	15	2	21	61	4

DIVISION I

RESERVES

Rapid	17	14	2	1	64	23	30
University	17	12	2	3	52	25	26
W. Eagles	17	7	7	3	49	30	21
Calies	17	9	2	6	52	33	20
Sth Hobart	16	6	4	6	37	42	16
Olympia	17	6	3	8	41	32	15
Croatia	16	6	3	7	40	47	15
Juventus	16	4	2	10	43	54	10
Metro	17	3	3	11	34	50	9
Dnpiro	16	2	0	14	14	90	4

UNDER 17 DIVISION

Kingboro'	21	18	1	2	86	29	37
W. Eagles	20	14	2	4	57	35	30
Olympia	20	12	4	4	48	28	28
Croatia	20	12	3	5	50	30	27
Juventus	20	10	4	6	50	33	24
Calies	22	11	1	10	61	49	23
Metro	20	7	2	11	42	53	16
Rapid	20	7	2	11	36	52	16
University	20	4	5	11	31	47	13
Dnpiro	20	5	2	13	34	60	12
Sth Hobart	20	5	0	15	24	60	10
E. Suburbs	21	3	2	16	39	82	8

UNDER 13 DIVISION

Juventus	13	11	1	1	58	9	23
Metro	13	9	1	3	45	16	19
Hobart Utd	14	8	2	4	23	10	18
E. Suburbs	11	6	4	1	32	12	16
Dnpiro	13	3	3	7	16	38	9
St. Mirren	13	2	5	6	12	42	9
Taroona	13	1	4	8	11	29	6
Sth Hobart	14	1	2	11	8	49	4

DIVISION II

St. Mirren	20	16	1	3	120	22	33
E. Suburbs	20	15	2	3	106	30	32
Kingboro'	20	14	1	5	78	33	29
University	19	4	2	13	40	78	10
M. Tigers	18	2	3	13	26	93	7
Nelson Utd	19	1	3	15	19	133	5

DIVISION III

Kingboro' I	17	13	1	3	60	17	27
E. Suburbs	16	10	2	4	52	22	22
Kingboro' II	16	9	3	4	33	21	21
Calies	17	9	1	7	44	37	19
St. Mirren	16	7	2	7	38	32	16
University	17	4	1	12	28	65	9
Salvos	14	0	0	14	9	70	0

UNDER 15 DIVISION

E. Suburbs	16	12	3	1	39	7	27
Juventus	15	9	5	1	31	11	23
Metro	15	9	4	2	24	12	22
University	16	9	3	4	34	14	21
Hobart Utd	16	9	2	5	24	9	20
Sth Hobart	14	3	3	8	15	30	9
W. Eagles	14	3	2	9	12	24	8
Croatia	14	2	0	12	7	36	4
Rapid	16	1	0	15	2	45	2

OVERSEAS

SPAIN

Elche 2 Espanol 0; Valencia 3 Salamanca 1; Burgos 2 Athletic Bilbao 2; Sporting 0 Real Madrid 2; Elche 2 Espanol 0; Rayo Vallecano 4 Sevilla 1; Valencia 3 Salamanca 1; Real Sociedad 4 Las Palmas1; Real Betis 1 Hercules 1; Barcelona 3 Racing 0; Atletico Madrid 4 Cadiz 0.

SWITZERLAND

Basle 4 St Gallen 2 (half-time 2-1); Neuchatel Xamax 2 Zurich Grasshoppers 3 (0-3); Servete Geneva 2 Sion 2 (0-0); Young Boys Berne 2 Etoile Carouge 2 (2-0); Young Fellows Zurich 3 Chenois 1 (2-1); Zurich 2 Lausanne 0 (0-0).

BELGIUM

Charleroi 1 Antwerp 2; Beveren 0 Courtrai 0; Waregem 1 Lokeren 0; Beerschot 4 La Louviere 1; Lierse 3 Beringen 1; Standard Liege 4 FC Bruges 2; Anderlecht 4 FC Liegeois 1; CS Bruges 0 Boom 1; Winterslag 1 Rwd Molenbeek 0.

ARGENTINA

Temperley 2 Boca Juniors 1; Gimmasia Y Esgrima 2 Huracan 2; Quilmes 1 Colon 1; Platense 2 All Boys 2; Chacarita Jrs 1 Rosario Central 0; Racing 0 Independiente 0; Newells 0 Atlanta 1; Argentino Jrs 0 Lanus 0; Union 1 Estudiantes 1; River 3 Banfield 1.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Dukla Praha 3 Skoda Plzen 0; Zvl Zilina 1 Slavia Praha 2; Zbrojovka Brno 3 Sparta Praha 0; Spartak Trnava 1 Dukla Banska 0; Bystrica 0; Tatran Presov 1 Sklounion Teplice 1; Slovan Bratislava 6 Jednota Trencin 2; Banik Ostrava 0 Lokomotiva Kosice 5; Bohemians Praha 2 Inter Bratislava 0.

GREECE

Panionios 0 Egaleo 1; Panserraikos 0 AEK 2; OFI 2 Paok 1; Iraklis 4 Kavala 1; Panachaiki 2 Kastoria 2; Vannina 1 Ethnikos 0; Veroia 0 Apolon 0; Pierikos 3 Aris 1; Olympiakos 1 Panathinaikos 1.

TURKEY

Fenerbahce 1 Altay 1; Besiktas 2 Boluspor 0; Mersin ID Yurdu 1 Galatasaray 1; Trabzonspor 4 Adanaspor 0; Bursaspor 2 Zonguldakspor 1; Diyarbakirspor 1 Eskisehirspor 0; Ankaragucu 1 Orduspor 0; Adana D. Spor 0 Samsunspor 0.

ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Nott Forest	10	7	2	1	20	7	16
Manchester	10	6	3	1	20	9	15
Liverpool	10	6	3	1	13	4	15
Brom Albion	10	6	2	2	19	13	14
Everton	10	5	3	2	21	10	13
Norwich City	10	5	3	2	12	13	13
Coventry City	10	5	2	3	18	15	12
Leeds United	10	3	5	2	17	16	11
Arsenal	10	4	2	4	11	7	10
Manchester Utd	9	4	2	3	12	9	10
Aston Villa	10	4	2	4	11	12	10
Ipswich Town	10	3	4	3	7	10	10
W'hampton Wand	10	3	3	4	14	14	9
Middlesbrough	10	3	3	4	13	14	9
Derby County	10	3	3	4	12	14	9
Birmingham City	10	4	1	5	11	14	9
Bristol City	9	2	3	4	11	14	7
QP Rangers	10	1	5	4	13	17	7
Chelsea	10	2	3	5	7	12	7
West Ham Utd	10	1	3	6	9	18	5
Leicester City	10	1	3	6	3	18	5
Newcatle Utd	10	1	0	9	9	23	2

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

Bolton Wand	10	7	2	1	16	8	16
Tott Hot	10	6	3	1	17	7	15
B. and H. Albion	10	6	2	2	19	14	14
Luton Town	10	6	1	3	19	9	13
Blackpool	10	5	3	2	19	12	13
Southampton	10	6	1	3	16	12	13
Crystal Palace	10	5	2	3	18	12	12
Blackburn	10	4	4	2	12	8	12
Stoke City	10	3	5	2	10	7	11
Charlton Ath	9	4	3	2	17	18	11
Fulham	10	3	4	3	15	12	10
Mansfield	10	3	3	4	13	13	9
Hull City	10	3	3	4	8	8	9
Millwall	10	2	4	4	10	11	8
Sheffield Utd	10	3	2	5	15	19	8
Oldham Ath	10	2	4	4	10	16	8
Orient	10	2	3	5	12	16	7
Sunderland	10	1	5	4	10	16	7
Cardiff City	9	1	5	3	8	15	7
Bristol	10	1	4	5	11	17	6
Notts County	10	0	5	5	11	22	5
Burnley	10	1	2	7	7	21	4

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

Gillingham	11	6	3	2	23	16	15
Shrewsbury	12	6	3	3	22	18	15
Colchester Utd	12	5	4	3	16	8	14
Tranmere	11	6	2	3	16	8	14
Wrexham	12	5	4	3	18	14	14
Rotherham Utd	11	6	2	3	18	15	14
Bury	11	5	4	2	14	11	14
Oxford Utd	12	5	3	4	18	15	13
P'borough Utd	12	4	5	3	9	10	13
Preston N. End	11	3	6	2	10	9	12
Chesterfield	12	5	2	5	12	13	12
Swindon	12	4	3	5	19	18	11
Walsall	12	2	7	3	12	14	11
Cambridge Utd	11	4	3	4	16	19	11
Hereford Utd	12	4	3	5	10	13	11
Chester	12	2	7	3	13	19	11
Lincoln	12	4	2	6	13	14	10
Plymouth Arg	11	2	6	3	12	14	10
Portsmouth	11	2	6	3	8	10	10
Exeter	11	3	3	5	13	11	9
Bradford	12	3	3	6	14	18	9
Carlisle Utd	12	2	4	6	12	17	8
Port Vale	10	3	2	5	10	18	8
Shef Wed	11	1	5	5	7	13	7

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

Watford	12	10	0	2	23	11	20
Southend Utd	12	7	3	2	14	6	17
Barnsley	12	7	2	3	18	9	16
Aldershot	12	6	4	2	15	9	16
Brentford	12	6	3	3	26	18	15
Newport Cty	12	6	3	3	17	13	15
Crewe Alex	12	6	2	4	16	15	14
Swansea	12	5	3	4	15	9	13
Doncaster	12	5	3	4	14	15	13
Grimsby Town	12	5	3	4	13	14	13
Stockport Cty	12	4	4	4	17	13	12
Northampton	12	5	2	5	15	19	12
Darlington	12	3	5	4	12	15	11
Huddersfield	11	2	6	3	11	12	10
Scunthorpe	12	3	4	5	12	14	10
Reading	11	4	2	5	13	16	10
Bournemouth	11	3	4	4	10	13	10
Torquay Utd	11	3	4	4	10	14	10
Wimbledon	12	2	5	5	16	22	9
Hartlepool Utd	12	4	1	7	13	19	9
York City	12	3	2	7	14	16	8
Southport	11	1	6	4	14	18	8
Halifax Town	12	1	5	6	12	18	7
Rochdale	11	2	0	9	9	21	4

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen	8	6	2	0	16	5	14
Dundee Utd	8	5	2	1	12	4	12
Rangers	8	5	1	2	18	11	11
Motherwell	8	3	2	3	13	9	8
St. Mirren	8	3	2	3	12	13	8
Hibernian	8	3	1	4	8	8	7
Partrick Thist	8	3	1	4	10	13	7
Celtic	8	2	1	5	8	10	5
Ayr Utd	8	2	1	5	6	16	5
Clydebank	8	1	1	6	5	19	3

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Morton	10	9	1	0	26	9	19
Dundee	10	7	1	2	20	11	15
Hearts	10	5	3	2	23	17	13
Stirling Alb	10	5	3	2	13	12	13
Dumbarton	10	4	4	2	21	13	12
Hamilton Acad	10	5	2	3	17	13	12
St. Johnstone	10	4	2	4	14	17	10
Montrose	10	3	3	4	12	11	9
Arbroath	10	1	6	3	12	18	8
East Fife	10	2	3	5	12	18	7
Queen South	10	2	3	5	11	17	7
Kilmarnock	10	1	4	5	9	13	6
Airdrieonians	10	1	3	6	7	16	5
Alloa	10	0	4	6	14	26	4

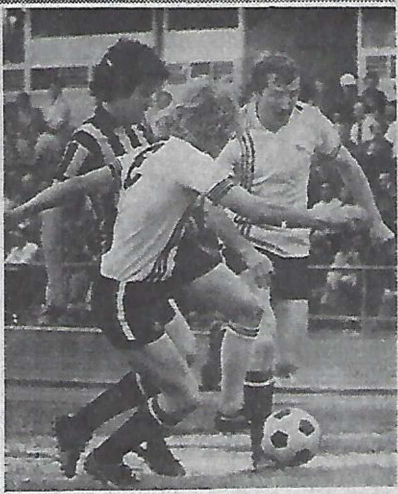
SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

Falkirk	10	7	2	1	17	9	16
Clyde	10	6	3	1	16	6	15
Berwick	10	5	3	2	21	14	13
Albion	10	6	1	3	18	12	13
Forfar Ath	10	6	0	4	18	14	12
Stranraer	10	5	2	3	16	12	12
Raith	10	3	6	1	11	7	12
Cowdenbeath	10	5	1	4	24	21	11
Dunfermline Ath	10	4	2	4	13	13	10
East Stirling	10	3	1	6	11	21	7
M'bank Thist	10	2	2	6	13	17	6
Stenhousemuir	10	1	4	5	15	23	6
Queens Park	10	1	3	6	10	22	5
Brechin City	10	1	0	9	11	23	2

GOALSCORERS

Scores. League. League Cup. total: P. White (Nott Forest) 9 1 10; R. Hankin (Leeds) 9 0 9; I. Wallace (Coventry) 8 1 9; R. Latchford (Everton) 7 1 8; T. Brown (WBA) 7 0 7; K. Dalglish (Liverpool) 6 1 7; M. Ferguson (Coventry) 7 0 7; D. McKenzie (Everton) 7 0 7.

DIVISION TWO: R. Hatton (Blackpool) 9 1 10; J. Duncan (Tottenham) 6 3 9; R. Harkouk (Crystal Pal) 6 3 9; P. Ward (Brighton) 7 2 9; M. Flanagan (Charlton 7 1 8).



Kevin Kelly (right) and Derek Barron of George Cross move in on Juventus forward John Hotson in their Dockerty Cup semi-final.

George Cross goalkeeper Lou Kastner catches the ball between Juventus' Claude Lucchesi (left) and George Laurie.

Local coach likely for W. A. Hellas

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

West Adelaide Hellas will appoint a new coach within two weeks.

Coach **Billy Birch**, who took over from **Mike Johnson** when he was sacked last June, will not re-apply for the job..

When Birch took control of the team he made it quite clear he had no intentions of seeking a permanent position.

Hellas president, **Dr Arthur Zalkos**, said the club has received several applications.

Three coaches have applied from England including former Celtic and Middlesbrough midfielder **Bobby Murdoch.**

However it appears likely that one of the two local applicants, **Tom Forde** or **Peter Jaksa**, could get the job.

Forde, a former Irish international, led Hellas to their first ever First Division championship in 1966.

Forde did not coach Hellas again until 1973 when the club won the title by a massive 10 points.

But on each occasion Forde had some great talent at his disposal and they would have certainly won the title with a lesser coach in charge.

Jaksa, who played a very big part as a midfielder in Hallas' 1966 premiership, has been one of the best coaches in South Australia during the past decade.

He moulded Beograd, the youngest side in the competition at the time, into one of the best attacking sides.

After brief stints with Lion, Polonia and Elizabeth, he took charge of Croatia in 1973 and took them to the first division guiding them to two Wills Cup victories along the way.

Jaksa also took charge of the State team with a 2-2 draw against Stoke and a 3-2 defeat to Wolverhampton Wanderers being his best results against international opposition.

Jaksa coached Croatia for the last time against Campbelltown in the Wills Cup final last month which they won.

If Jaksa does not get the Hellas job he will almost certainly sign with a First Division club.

Other men under consideration for the job are Fitzroy's **John Margeritis** and **Alan Vest.**

However Margeritis is expected to remain in Melbourne where he has performed minor miracles with the Greek club while Vest is a rank outsider for the position.

Hellas are also expected to sign three or four players during off season.

They have their eyes on at least four local players who have all played for the State.

Meanwhile Adelaide Juventus will also make some major signings soon.

Juventus are keen to sign rugged Lion striker **Peter Kowalski** who will trouble many defenders next season with his powerful running.

CONCACAF MATCHES

MONTERREY — El Salvador beat Canada 2-1 in their six-nation CONCACAF World Cup football match here after leading 1-0 at half time.

Ramirez gave El Salvador the lead just one minute before half time and he scored a second in the 84th minute.

The Canadians pulled one back 60 seconds later through Budd but their desperate final onslaught failed to bring them an equaliser.

Guatemala beat Surinam 3-2 in a match marked more by errors than skill.

The Surinam side, relying on speed and strength more than technique, opened the scoring after only two minutes when Guatemalan goalkeeper **Julio Guzman** fumbled a shot from Righters and Shael banged home the rebound.

But the Guatemalan side, technically more sophisticated came back strongly, and a quarter of an hour later **Macdonal** dribbled round the Surinam keeper **Edumund Lesey** to equalise.

It was Macdonal again, profiting from slack marking, who headed home Guatemala's second in the 37th minute from close range.

In the second half Surinam came out with a great deal of determination, and they drew level in the 56th minute when Righters slammed home a powerful shot which left Guzman standing.

Finally, **Rene Noriega** gave Guatemala the winner from the end, finding himself unmarked on the edge of the penalty area.

Mexico beat Haiti 4-1 (halftime 1-0) in another CONCACAF qualifying match.

Scorers: Mexico — Hugo Sanchez (2) Victor Rangel (2). Haiti — Arsene Auguste.

Kupisz's the best

Former Keilor City and Polonia player Eddy Kupisz has won Ardeer's best and fairest player award.

Runner-up was player-coach **Mike Olinowski**, a former Victorian State representative.

This weekend, Ardeer, which finished third in the Victorian First Division, will travel to Adelaide to meet South Australian champion Polonia.

Ardeer will take its senior, reserve and under-15 teams. Other trophies presented at the club's presentation night: Most consistent: **Marian Sowula**;

Top scorer: **Zenon Kolanowicz**;

Encouragement award: **Gary Darch**;

Reserves best and fairest: **Ziggy Szambolanczy**;

Runner-up: **Roger Menichelli**; Most consistent: **Marian Adamczewicz**;

Top scorer: **Wally Schulga**; Encouragement award: **Ted** [illegible]

Hungary draws 60,000

WEST BERLIN — West Germany beat Italy 2-1 in a friendly soccer international here.

Manfred Kaltz and **Karl Heinz Rummenigge** gave the Germans a 2-0 lead before **Giancarlo Antognoni**, replied for Italy.

In Paris, France and the Soviet Union drew 0-0 in front of 49,000 people.

In Budapest, Hungary beat Yugoslavia 4-3 in a friendly match (halftime 2-1).

Scorers: Hungary — Torocsik (2), Yaradi, Kereki. Yugoslav — Susic, Nikolic. Attendance: 60,000.

In Zurich, Switzerland beat Finland 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in a friendly international watched by 7,800 spectators.

Scorers: Elsener (12 minutes), Kuettel (66).

In Rotterdam, Holland and the Soviet Union drew 0-0. Attendance: 16,000.

In Pescara, Italy drew 2-2 with Yugoslavia in an under-21 international.

Scorers: Italy, Rossi (42nd minute and 53rd). Yugoslavia, Sestic (78), Kovacevic (81).

In Zurich, Czechoslovakia beat Switzerland 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in an under-21 soccer international.

Scorers: Janecska (13th minute), Krouna (62)